

# BATTLE OF LOS ANGELES



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## Here it is, America's first Major UFO Controversy!

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They tracked a giant alien craft on radar from 120 miles off the coast as it headed towards Los Angeles and followed its deliberate path along the shore, behind mountains and around the largest gun emplacements.

Then after firing over 1440 anti-aircraft shells at it, the military said it was nothing, just jittery nerves, our imagination or even a weather balloon.

But the L.A. Times wasn't afraid that we couldn't handle the truth that it was a possible extraterrestrial attack and didn't hesitate to publish that famous photo showing the image of a very large alien craft at the end of the searchlight beams and in the middle of the bursting shells!

And now I won't hesitate to bring you the full story of what really happened and how many of the Los Angeles residents saw what really happened on that day in 1942, some from close-up!

Yes, that photo showing an ominous, saucer-like craft hovering over the city may send chills down your spine, but I'm going to reveal what really happened and the secret of what happened to this UFO!

Remember the massive cover-up at Roswell where the residents were threatened with being locked up for years and several that were close to the truth died under mysterious circumstances? Well, the Battle of Los Angeles happened a full 5 years earlier than Roswell, so you can imagine how frantic the government was to keep the truth hidden!

So, if you no longer fall for that weather balloon line, follow along with me as I share the truth with you!

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## In the Early Morning Hours of February 25, 1942:

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That's when the city of Los Angeles found itself in the grip of a mass panic. It was triggered by reports of a Japanese air raid and local military units sounded warning sirens, ordered a mass blackout and lit up the sky with machine gun fire and over 1,400 anti-aircraft shells.

This was the famous "Battle of Los Angeles" which would eventually drag on for several hours, terrifying millions of residents in Southern California. Yet once this immense battle ended and the guns finally fell silent, there was no evidence of an enemy attack!

The military brass chalked the false alarm up to "jittery nerves" caused by the bombing of Pearl Harbor, but it still remains one of the most mysterious chapters of World War II.

And now I am going to try to make some sense out of this whole thing. You see, I take this thing rather personally. I grew up hearing these stories.

One of the claims is that the first spotting of a UFO was directly above MGM Studios in Culver City which was two blocks from my family home. (I wasn't born yet, so you can't blame this one on me.)



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What is interesting is that all the official reports you will soon be reading about mentions that it was Japanese planes, balloons or jittery nerves that was to blame, no official hint that it could be UFOs, (would you really expect the government to be mentioning alien craft?), but all of the stories I heard while growing up only mentioned UFOs being involved!

*Gil Carlson*



*Photo taken from off the coast during the Battle of Los Angeles*

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### **But First a Little Background:**

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In the frantic weeks that followed the Pearl Harbor attack, many Americans believed that enemy raids on the continental United States were imminent. On December 9, 1941, unsubstantiated reports of approaching aircraft had caused a minor invasion panic in New York City and sent stock prices tumbling.

On the West Coast, inexperienced pilots and radar men had mistaken fishing boats, logs and even whales for Japanese warships and submarines. Tensions were high, and they only grew after U.S. Secretary of War Henry Stimson warned that American cities should be prepared to accept “occasional blows” from enemy forces.

Just a few days later, on February 23, 1942, a Japanese submarine surfaced off the coast of Santa Barbara, California, and hurled over a dozen artillery shells at an oil field and refinery. While the attack inflicted no casualties and caused only minor damage, it marked



the first time that the mainland United States had been bombed during World War II.

The day after the oil field raid, paranoia and itchy trigger fingers combined to produce one of the most unusual home front incidents of the war. It began on the evening of February 24, 1942, when naval intelligence instructed units on the California coast to steel themselves for a potential Japanese attack.

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### Here are the Details:

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All remained calm for the next few hours, but shortly after 2 a.m. on February 25, military radar picked up what appeared to be an enemy contact some 120 miles west of Los Angeles. Air raid sirens



sounded, and a citywide blackout was put into effect. Within minutes, troops had manned anti-aircraft guns and begun sweeping the skies with searchlights.

It was just after 3 a.m. when the shooting started. Following reports of an unidentified object in the skies, troops in Santa Monica unleashed a barrage of anti-aircraft and .50 caliber machine gun fire. Before long, many of the city's other coastal defense weapons had joined in. "Powerful searchlights from countless stations stabbed the sky with brilliant probing fingers,"

The Los Angeles Times wrote: "while anti-aircraft batteries dotted the heavens with beautiful, if not sinister, orange bursts of shrapnel," chaos reigned over the next several minutes. It appeared that Los Angeles was under attack, yet many of those who looked skyward saw nothing but smoke and the glare of ack-ack fire.

"Imagination could have easily disclosed many shapes in the sky in the midst of that weird symphony of noise and color," Coastal Artillery Corps Colonel John G. Murphy later wrote. "But cold detachment disclosed no planes of any type in the sky—friendly or enemy."

For others, however, the threat appeared to be very real. Reports poured in from across the city describing Japanese aircraft flying in formation, bombs falling and enemy paratroopers. There was even a claim of a Japanese plane crash landing in the streets of Hollywood.

"I could barely see the planes, but they were up there all right," a coastal artilleryman named Charles Patrick later wrote in a letter. "I could see six planes, and shells were bursting all around them. Naturally, all of us fellows were anxious to get our two-cents' worth in and, when the command came, everybody cheered like a son of a gun." The barrage eventually continued for over an hour. By the time a final "all-clear" order was given later that morning, Los Angeles' artillery batteries had pumped over 1,400 rounds of anti-aircraft ammunition into the sky.

It was only in the light of day that the American military units made a puzzling discovery: there appeared to have been no enemy attack. "Although reports were conflicting, and every effort is being made to ascertain the facts, it is clear that no bombs were dropped, and no

planes were shot down," read a statement from the Army's Western Defense Command.

Ironically, the only damage during the "battle" had come from friendly fire. Anti-aircraft shrapnel rained down across the city, shattering windows and ripping through buildings.

One dud careened into a Long Beach golf course, and several residents had their homes partially destroyed by 3-inch artillery shells. While there were no serious injuries from the shootout, it was reported that at least five people had died as a result of heart attacks and car accidents that occurred during the extended blackout.

In a preview of the hysteria that would soon accompany the Japanese internment, authorities also arrested some 20 Japanese-Americans for allegedly trying to signal the nonexistent aircraft. (Hmm, I didn't realize that trying to signal a non-existent craft was a crime!)

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### **Radar Reports:**

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it came in out over the Pacific Ocean off the California coast miles from Los Angeles at an extremely high rate of speed north and west of Point

Conception. At

0144 AM military crews manning equipment and scopes of a secret radar site tucked into the bluffs and hills picked up an





unidentified aerial target on a south to east trajectory and has been officially reported since thusly:

"At 0144 an SCR-268 picked up an unidentifiable aerial target 120 miles west of Los Angeles...well tracked by radar."

(History of the 4th AA Command, Western Defense Command, January 9, 1942 -July 1, 1945, Chapter V Defense Operations on the West Coast.

(3)Par 5, App B, Doc 29 (Conference Report, 25 Feb 42)

Sixteen minutes later, after receiving data from two additional radar sites down its path, the object was backtracked to a confirmed position 20 miles west of and quickly closing in on, the city of Los Angeles.

At 2:15 AM Los Angeles area anti-aircraft batteries were put on Green Alert --- ready to fire --- and at 2:21 AM the regional controller ordered a blackout. Then, several minutes shy of passing into the city of Santa Monica's airspace and the path of the waiting anti-aircraft guns, the object vanished.

Nineteen minutes later residents of the Pacific Palisades and the surrounding area observed a huge airborne object east of them rising up over the Santa Monica Mountains from out of the north. At 3:06 AM at least four of the Santa Monica area anti-aircraft batteries turned inland toward the object and started firing out over the city following its track toward Baldwin Hills.

After being picked up by radar but before it reached Littleton's house along the strand in Hermosa Beach the object paralleled the coastline along Malibu at an ultra-high speed and at a very low altitude.

Then for reasons not known as the object reached an area somewhat east of Point Dume it slowed to almost a complete crawl turning sharply northward skimming over the crest of the mountains and down as if to gain an advantage of being in the radar shadow.

After crossing the mountains, it turned eastward almost immediately coming into the L.A. basin behind the west facing radar and anti-aircraft guns.

Just after the object turned north at Point Dume and before it finished crossing over the mountains and turned north to follow the bottom edges of lower north slopes on the way to Los Angeles.

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### **Rumors, Theories, Conflicting Official Reports:**

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Over the next few days, government and media outlets issued contradictory reports on what later became known as the “Battle of Los Angeles.” Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox dismissed the firefight as a false alarm brought on by “jittery nerves,”

But Secretary of War Henry Stimson echoed Army brass in saying that at least 15 planes had buzzed the city. He even advanced the provocative theory that the phantom fighters might have been commercial aircraft “operated by enemy agents” hoping to strike fear into the public.

Stimson later backpedaled his claims, but there was still the matter of the thousands of military personnel and civilians who claimed to have seen aircraft in the skies over L.A.

What caused the shootout over Los Angeles? The Japanese military later claimed it had never flown aircraft over the city during World War II, providing fuel for a host of bizarre theories involving government conspiracies and visits by flying saucers and extraterrestrials.

In spite of all the witness’s sightings, it was claimed that the most logical explanation for the firefight is that trigger-happy servicemen and rudimentary radar systems combined to produce a false alarm.

Was the Battle of Los Angeles only a mirage? Whatever the real story is, it was definitely a chilling reminder of the vulnerability that many Americans felt at the beginning of World War II. And a lead into the days ahead when the Japanese would actually hatch several schemes to attack the American mainland, such as launching over 9,000 explosives-laden "fire balloons."

Although none of these "attacks" ever produced the level of mass hysteria that accompanied the phantom shootout over Los Angeles. Even at the time, many journalists noted that it was fitting that the incident had taken place in the home of the film industry. In an article from March 1942, the New York Times wrote that as the "world's preeminent fabricator of make-believe," Hollywood appeared to have played host to a battle that was "just another illusion."

Representative Leland Ford of Santa Monica called for a Congressional investigation, saying, "...none of the explanations so far offered removed the episode from the category of 'complete mystification' ... this was either a practice raid, or a raid to throw a scare into 2,000,000 people, or a mistaken identity raid, or a raid to lay a political foundation to take away Southern California's war industries.."

The Fourth Air Force had indicated its belief that there were no planes over Los Angeles. But the Army did not publish these initial conclusions. Instead, it waited a day, until after a thorough examination of witnesses had been finished. On the basis of these hearings, local commanders altered their verdict and indicated a belief that from one to five unidentified airplanes had been over Los Angeles.

Secretary Stimson announced this conclusion as the War Department version of the incident, and he advanced two theories to account for the mysterious craft: either they were commercial planes operated by an enemy from secret fields in California or Mexico, or they were light planes launched from Japanese submarines. In either case, the enemy's purpose must have been to

locate anti-aircraft defenses in the area or to deliver a blow at civilian morale.

The divergence of views between the War and Navy departments, and the unsatisfying conjectures advanced by the Army to explain the affair touched off a vigorous public discussion.

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### **Most Likely Weather Balloons:**

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When documenting the incident in 1949, The United States Coast Artillery Association identified a meteorological balloon that "started all the shooting" and concluded that "once the firing started, imagination created all kinds of targets in the sky and everyone joined in". In 1983, the Office of Air Force History also concluded that meteorological balloons had likely triggered the event:

"A careful study of the evidence suggests that meteorological balloons—known to have been released over Los Angeles—may well have caused the initial alarm. This theory is supported by the fact that anti-aircraft artillery units were officially criticized for having wasted ammunition on targets which moved too slowly to have been airplanes."

Weather balloons were released from each of the dozen anti-aircraft positions around the city every six hours. The balloons were illuminated from below by an enclosed candle which would reflect off the silver lining of the balloon itself to ensure that it was visible at night.

In 1983, the Office of Air Force History outlined the events of the L.A. air raid and noted that meteorological balloons had been released prior to the barrage to help determine wind conditions. Their lights and silver color could have been mistaken for enemy craft.

Reports suggest that gunners from all but one battery mistook the balloons for planes and opened fire. Interestingly, the only gun battery that did not fire, D Battery of the 203rd Coast Artillery Regiment, was directly in the supposed flight path of the reported aircraft.

It was this company that had most recently launched its balloons at 3 am, shortly before the firing started. Afterward, the staff at the Battery were instructed not to mention the balloons, and the commanding officer, Col. Ray Watson, was pensioned off.

Nervous spotters and gun crews ordered to be in a "strict state of readiness against renewed attacks" likely contributed to the confused shelling.

If each of these batteries were normally releasing these weather balloons every six hours, why now would everyone confuse these balloons with planes. Wouldn't they be used to seeing and tracking them?

It also seems probable that many of the shell bursts were themselves mistaken for aircraft and this led to the wildly fluctuating reports on the number, speed, and altitude of the aerial objects.

Further confusion occurred when the Navy and Army issued different statements - the Navy claiming it was a false alarm, and no planes had been over Los Angeles, whilst the Army stated there were possibly five "light enemy aircraft," launched from secret bases within California, Mexico, or from offshore submarines.

A memo to President Roosevelt from the Army stated there was no evidence of bombs being dropped, troop casualties reported, or planes shot down. The President's response was to suggest that the power to order an air alarm should be restricted to US Army officials.

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## If it was a Balloon, Why didn't it Pop?

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UFOlogists argue that a balloon subject to shelling would have popped, but there is evidence that anti-aircraft fire might be less effective against Zeppelin-type airships and balloons than common sense suggests.

Rigid and semi-rigid aircraft do not rely on substantial overpressure to sustain their shape, and unlike a party balloon won't necessarily "pop" and deflate immediately when punctured.

The flexibility of a balloon or blimp's gas bag also provides some protection from explosive anti-aircraft fire, with the skin denting and distorting to absorb the impact without actually puncturing.

This is exploited in experimental spy blimps such as the LEMV. This means that a balloon may well be able to sustain damage from the anti-aircraft fire and not be actually shot down immediately.

Secondly, it isn't guaranteed that a hydrogen dirigible or balloon will ignite when hit by normal bullets or shrapnel common to anti-aircraft fire. During World War I, a Zeppelin, the L33, was hit by anti-aircraft fire but did not catch fire. The ship was forced to crash-land in Britain, whereupon her crew set her ablaze.

Fighter aircraft only began to see successes against Zeppelins when they switched from normal ammunition to a mixture of explosive and phosphorus incendiary bullets. A combination of these fired at a Zeppelin would invariably ignite the ship's hydrogen gas bags.

This adds some credence to the possibility that shrapnel from the anti-aircraft batteries would not necessarily have destroyed a balloon outright but could have punctured it, leaving it to descend into, and later sink in the Pacific Ocean. This isn't a guaranteed explanation, however.

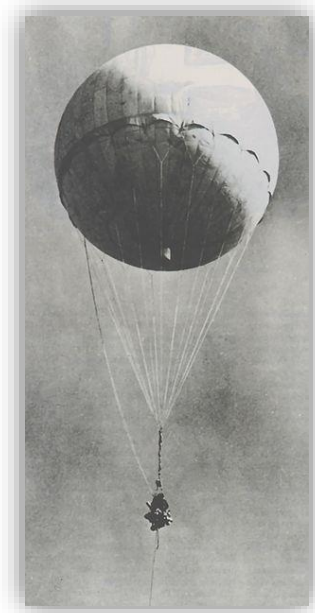


Fu-Go balloons (if they did make an appearance earlier than officially recorded) did operate with some hydrogen overpressure and a small number were recorded as shot down by fighter aircraft - the primary difficulty in tackling them was their high altitude and surprisingly fast speed, rather than Zeppelin-like resilience.

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## Fu-Go Bombing Balloon Theory

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A Japanese fire balloon was a prime suspect, but its appearance at this time would have been 2 to 3 years too early.

There's been some speculation it could have been a Japanese Fu-Go Bombing Balloon, but these were only launched against America from 1944 onwards. However, their existence was kept a secret, until a balloon bomb killed 6 picnickers in Oregon. If these devices had somehow reached LA, then neither the US nor Japan has records as evidence of their existence.

The idea of balloons as long-range weapons is older than the Japanese weapons, with a British study into their effectiveness commissioned as early as 1937. Operation Outward, as it was known, was approved in late 1941 and launched its first offensive balloons in March 1942, continuing until the D-Day landings and ending completely in September 1944.

Although it is highly unlikely, if not impossible, that these short-range and low-altitude balloons (which were a cost-effective nuisance and distraction for the Luftwaffe more than a deadly threat) would have been present on the west coast of America, it does demonstrate that the concept was around in the early 1940s.

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## And the Press Responds:

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According to an editorial in the New York Times, some eyewitnesses had spied "a big floating object resembling a balloon," while others had spotted anywhere from one plane to several dozen. "The more the whole incident of the early morning of Feb. 25 in the Los Angeles district is examined," the article read, "the more incredible it becomes."

Some contemporary press outlets suspected a cover-up. An editorial in the Long Beach Independent wrote, "There is a mysterious reticence about the whole affair and it appears that some form of censorship is trying to halt discussion on the matter." Speculation was rampant as to invading airplanes and their bases.

Theories included a secret base in northern Mexico as well as Japanese submarines stationed offshore with the capability of carrying planes. Others speculated that the incident was either staged or exaggerated to give coastal defense industries an excuse to move further inland.

A strong editorial in the Washington Post on 27 February called the handling of the Los Angeles episode a "recipe for jitters," and censured the military authorities for what it called "stubborn silence" in the face of widespread uncertainty.

The editorial suggested that the Army's theory that commercial planes might have caused the alert "explains everything except where the planes came from, whither they were going, and why no American planes were sent in pursuit of them."

The New York Times on 28 February expressed a belief that the more the incident was studied, the more incredible it became: "If the batteries were firing on nothing at all, as Secretary Knox implies, it is a sign of expensive incompetence and jitters.

A photo published in the Los Angeles Times on February 26, 1942, has been cited by some ufologists and conspiracy theorists as evidence of an extraterrestrial visitation. They assert that the photo clearly shows searchlights focused on an alien spaceship; however, the photo was heavily modified by photo retouching prior to publication, a routine practice in graphic arts of the time intended to improve contrast in black and white photos.

In a Feb. 24, 1992, Los Angeles Times article, Jack Smith reported what happened next:

"It was on the night of Feb. 25, 1942, that Los Angeles experienced the Great Los Angeles Air Raid. It was a night when everyone's fears apparently were realized — Japan had brought the war to mainland America, and Los Angeles was the target....



"The Great Air Raid began at 2:25 a.m. on that clear moonlit night when the U.S. Army announced the approach of hostile aircraft, and the city's air raid warning system went into action for the first time in the war.

“Suddenly, the night was torn by sirens. Searchlights swept the sky. Gun crews at army posts along the coastline began pumping ack-ack into the moonlight. (In the entire episode, 1,433 rounds would be fired.) ...

“Thousands of volunteer air-raid wardens tumbled from their beds and grabbed their boots and helmets--those who had helmets — and rushed into the night. Tens of thousands of citizens, awakened by the screech of sirens and the popping of shells, jumped out of bed and, heedless of blackout regulations, began snapping on lights. It was pandemonium.

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## And the Aliens?

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How come no one has mentioned aliens yet? Hold on, we are getting there!

With all the talk about balloons, numerous small planes, a huge object coming from the sea at high speed, disappearing and reappearing and then traveling at low speeds or even hovering while being attacked by anti-aircraft shells and not even being phased by them or making any effort to avoid them. What else can that be other than an alien craft?

The numerous witnesses that saw groups of planes, maybe they weren't imagining it, could they have been smaller alien craft or probes released by the larger ship as has often been reported over the years?

And some of the photos show the explosions going off in a circle around this large object but not hitting or getting close to it. Of course, that was the alien's force field. The occupants had no reason to fear our puny weapons. (This may not be public knowledge at this

time but some of our new "stealth" fighter planes are equipped with an alien type force field!)

But why would this alien craft just sit there right in the middle of all this activity? What better spot to observe all the action?

It has been shown that with our development and testing of the atom bomb, this attracted numerous off-planet observers. They are very interested in our weapons and what we are doing with them. Recall the Foo Fighters that were observed over Europe during the fighting and the alien crafts that crashed near Roswell, obviously checking out our atomic weapons.

Another thought, maybe it isn't just weapon technology that interests them, but our conflicts themselves. During our Earthly wars, we send war correspondents to the frontlines to get the latest developments, so we can sit around our TVs in fascination.

Could it be the same with the aliens? Most likely they are constantly recording us humans to play back to their citizens as entertainment! It might be called "The Episodes of Life on the Blue Planet - Humans in all their folly!"

Sorry for that brief moment of silliness, obviously there were serious intentions afoot here on the part of these visitors. Were they here to observe our weapons and defense systems?

Obviously, if they were interested in attacking us, our puny weapons would make no difference to them. Since they came under a powerful military attack (by human standards anyway) and they didn't retaliate or defend themselves, they must have been on more of a peaceful mission.

Wars had been breaking out around the World and powerful atomic weapons were being developed, most likely they were observing and trying to prevent damage to this planet and the Universe and beyond.

Were they trying to send us a warning message to knock it off or maybe they were on a mission to land and help us resolve the messes we were in and continuing to make on this planet?

Then it was a great welcoming greeting we gave these envoys of peace! After all, these so-called aliens just might have more of a responsibility for keeping the peace on Earth than we do.

Many of us believe that it was the visitors who created or recreated us as humans and have been actively caring for and protecting this planet! There's enough evidence to show that certain alien groups have protected us and this planet from an invasion for countless years!

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### **Single Object 120 Miles Out Heading in Towards L.A. from the Ocean:**

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In 1983 the U.S. Government Printing Office released a multi-volume set titled *The Army Air Forces in World War II*, edited by Wesley Frank Craven and James Lea Cate. In Volume I, Chapter III, Section 8, page 283, there is found what is nothing short of an official confirmation of the above scenario.

The volume specifically cites the use of radar, which many people insist was not functionally operational in 1942 --- although the government seems to beg to differ in the document --- as well as the fact that the object simply disappeared or vanished over the ocean during its inflight path toward Los Angeles. Here are more details:

In the early morning hours of February 25, 1942, suddenly appearing out of nowhere, but most likely doing so only after dropping out of the night sky initially from a steep angle out over the Pacific on a curving south to east trajectory, a huge object of unknown origin, possibly with protective detection devices on, at a lower altitude

levels off. The object continues on a trajectory east toward the city of Los Angeles at an ultra-high speed barely skimming the water just above the surface.

At 120 miles out, the object most likely picks up electronic probes from the Army long-range listening apparatus or rudimentary early radar and retracts its entry shields, reducing its speed to a near crawl some 50 miles out, turning inland somewhere near Point Dume.

Scattered eyewitness accounts from years later pick up the object apparently dropping down into the radar shadow by hugging the mostly unpopulated ridge-line along the north side of the Santa Monica mountains in an easterly direction.

It then turned south in the gap in the mountains around Sepulveda Boulevard and Mulholland Drive coming in BEHIND the aimed direction of the majority of the anti-aircraft guns and any possible radar or long-range listening devices.

In a continuing, steeply angled climb out of the Santa Monica mountains the object curved slightly to the east around and well above the 511-foot altitude of Baldwin Hills in what appeared to be a



***Flight Line at Mines Field, circa 1944***

concerted effort to stay away from all the potential aircraft and armament associated with Mines Field (now LAX).



The object then turned westward toward the ocean coming out over the aircraft manufacturing plants near the El Segundo tank farm, then, dropping altitude, south along the coast.

Earlier, the unidentified target continued on its apparent approach toward the Los Angeles area only to disappear behind the mountains inland.

Many people believed the aircraft they'd seen was extraterrestrial - one eyewitness even described an object he'd seen as looking like an enormous flying "lozenge" - and some accused the government of a cover-up. Conflicting accounts of the incident from the Navy and War Departments didn't help clarify matters.

As if to confirm public fears of extraterrestrial attack, one famous L.A. Times photograph emerged from the incident showing an ominous, saucer-like object hovering over the city. This much-debated photograph inspired America's first major UFO controversy — a full five years before Roswell.

To this day, no one knows for sure what flew over Los Angeles that night and evaded the city's air defenses.

Did a UFO really invade Los Angeles in 1942? Look at the evidence - and decide for yourself.

Naturally, UFOlogists believe an alien spacecraft was to blame. Decades after the incident, they began to question the fact that it had been a false alarm. Some attempts were made to tie the incident to the often referred to MJ-12 documents. Secondhand stories surfaced alleging that War of The Worlds type spaceships cruised over LA. UFOlogists claimed that a certain photo showed a huge flying saucer caught in searchlights. And they challenged the idea that a balloon of some kind could have triggered the free-for-all.

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## Civilian Eye-Witnesses:

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Although the eventual official story was that the object was nothing more than a barrage balloon that had come loose, many people profoundly disagreed with this version of events, particularly those who believe they saw the object close up on the night in question.

The 37th Brigade was relentless in its attempt to bring down the large object but found no success. The barrage of spent shells would fall over the entire area-no place was safe this night. Many were injured, and there were even reports of death from the falling shells. According to newspaper reports, eyewitnesses described the sight of the UFO like a “surreal, hanging, magic lantern.”

One of those witnesses, a volunteer air raid warden named Katie, stated that after being awoken by a telephone call from the air raid supervisor, she looked out of her window and saw a huge object “hovering” over her house.

“It was huge! It was just enormous! And it was practically right over my house. I had never seen anything like it in my life!” she said. “It was just hovering there in the sky and hardly moving at all.”

She claimed she had a clear view of the craft and that it shone a “lovely pale orange” as it remained motionless in the night sky.

She also recalled seeing groups of American fighter planes attempt to engage the object but each time they had to retreat, stating, “They were shooting at it, but it didn’t seem to matter!”

Another witness, retired anthropology professor, C. Scott Littleton was thirteen years old at the time of the incident. His father was an air raid warden and was convinced the actions were real. Littleton claimed that the craft he saw was a distinct oval shape “like a lozenge”, and that he witnessed anti-aircraft shells explode “all around it!”

Littleton, like Katie, also stated that he witnessed American fighter planes following the strange object as it made its way towards Redondo Beach before vanishing from view.

He also casts his doubts on the official explanation of it being a balloon that came loose and floated to the Santa Monica area. According to the retired professor, the only area that housed such floating tethered balloons was in El Segundo. This means that it would have had to have floated north to the Santa Monica Mountains where the object was observed, and then moved in a completely different direction to where it was last seen. Not the normal movements of a balloon by any stretch of the imagination.

Shooting at the aerial intruders were gunners of the 65th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) Regiment in Inglewood and the 205th Anti-Aircraft Regiment based in Santa Monica. The "white cigar-shaped object" took several direct hits but continued on its eastward flight.

Up to 25 silvery UFOs were also seen by observers on the ground: Editor Peter Jenkins of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner reported,

"I could clearly see the V formation of about 25 silvery planes overhead moving slowly across the sky toward Long Beach."

Long Beach Police Chief J.H. McClelland said:

"I watched what was described as the second wave of planes from atop the seven-story Long Beach City Hall. I did not see any planes but the younger men with me said they could. An experienced Navy observer with powerful Carl Zeiss binoculars said he counted nine planes in the cone of the searchlight. He said they were silver in color. The (UFO) group passed along from one battery of searchlights to another, and under fire from the anti-aircraft guns, flew from the direction of Redondo Beach and Inglewood on the land side of Fort MacArthur, and continued toward Santa Ana and Huntington Beach. Anti-aircraft fire was so heavy we could not hear the motors of the planes."

Reporter Bill Henry of the Los Angeles Times wrote:

"I was far enough away to see an object without being able to identify it...I would be willing to bet what shekels I have that there were a number of direct hits scored on the object."

Testimony from H.C.:

"I'm a WWII veteran. Just thought I'd let you know that I was an eyewitness to the event back in February of 1942. I was 14 at the time, living in the Adams and Crenshaw area of Los Angeles.

"My family and I observed the entire episode through the large bay window of our home facing west. The air raid sirens awoke us at 2 AM. There was a period of silence following that, then the thumping of antiaircraft fire.

"The northwest sky was lit up with bursting shells and searchlights. The action was moving south along the coastline. I remember distinctly the convergence of searchlights reflecting off the bottom of some kind of slow-moving objects, apparently flying in formation.

"They seemed to be completely oblivious and impervious to the shells exploding around them. I was quite the aviation buff back then, as I am now, but I must admit that I had a devil of a time trying to identify the objects, what with the awe, excitement, and speculation of the moment, the bursting shells, tracers, etc.

"I was surprised in the days that followed to discover that with all that aggressive firepower there was no evidence that we had brought anything down. We then went to our south-facing kitchen and porch windows to observe the action where it culminated in the south.

"Ergo, the action followed the coastline. It could have been two, or three, or up to six miles away, I can't recall exactly since it occurred so long ago. But I strongly remember the searchlights converging on the bottoms of the reddish objects flying in formation

A man who had been an eyewitness to a portion of the Battle of Los Angeles was able to add a bit of credence to the possible accuracy of the "scattered reports" that the object hugged the mostly unpopulated ridge-line along the north side of the Santa Monica mountains in an easterly direction as it headed toward its rendezvous with history.

William "Bill" Stout, who had been a carpenter in civilian life and went on to build hopped-up Ford flathead wooden hull speedboats after the war, had joined the Navy in his late teens or very early 20s following Pearl Harbor.

The Navy shipped him off to Point Hueneme and Point Mugu near Ventura, California, to help in the early stages of construction of the naval facilities they were building there. In the process, he met and started seeing a young woman that lived in a fairly isolated section of the mountains east of Hueneme not far from Paramount Ranch, an old western movie set used on and off over the years by various film studios.

Late one night after hanging around with the young woman, he was racing back to the base to make sure he would not miss morning muster when, on a small road leading up toward the town of Agoura, his car got a flat tire.

After changing the tire, he lit a cigarette and sort of leaned back in the tall weeds to rest his back for a few minutes. No sooner had he done so when some sort of a giant object, a huge gigantic flying thing not much higher than the tops of the trees --- and not making a sound, but all the while blocking out a good portion of the night sky and most of the stars --- slowly crossed overhead curving toward the east after coming out of a more south-southwesterly direction.

When he got back to the base the place was in turmoil. People were running everywhere, forming up into platoons, getting into the backs of trucks carrying rifles, grenades, and gas masks. He was told the city of Los Angeles was under attack from the air, there was a

statewide blackout, and everybody was going to be spread out along the coastline to protect the city and country from invasion.

Some trucks did leave, but most didn't and by sunup, everything had pretty much calmed down. Eventually, they were told the whole thing was a fluke, to put the weapons away and to go back to their regular business. Shortly thereafter he was sent to the South Pacific and he pretty much forgot the incident.

As far as describing the object itself is concerned, he said, because there were trees on both sides of the road where he stopped and the fact that it made no sound, the object was practically on top of him before he ever saw it. He said at first, he thought it might have been a blimp except it was shaped more like a "brick" and seemed heavy like one too, albeit possibly curved somewhat rather than square-like and flat in the front like a brick.

Also, as he found out later, at the time of the fly-over there was an area-wide blackout. The thing is, not knowing about any blackout because it was so dark that night where he pulled over, he left the headlights on to reflect off the trees to give him as much light as he could in order to change the tire.

He thought the object flew over his location on purpose because the headlights, dim as they were, unbeknownst to him at the time, still provided the only real visible light source for miles around.

In addition to his description of the object "looking like a brick," This incident was an eerie-like reminder of another incident that happened a few months before. He was doing some sort of training for the Navy using an inflatable seven-man life raft.

He was coming onto the beach in the raft with some equipment as several of his buddies guided it alongside in the water holding onto ropes when the boat was swamped by a huge wave and flipped over. He was trapped underneath as the forward momentum of the waves pushed him along with his face and body being scraped by the sand and rocks.

Until the raft washed back into deeper water and he was able to get out of underneath it with the help of his buddies he thought he was either going to suffocate or drown. He said when he first saw the giant flying object overhead that night he thought it looked a lot like an upside-down life raft --- he also, for a quick few moments, felt the same apprehension or fear that he felt when he was trapped under the life-raft in the water. Like he was going to suffocate or drown.

It is fairly easy to visualize that if an airborne object of similar configuration, especially of any length, flew directly over the top of you at a slow suffocating low altitude and you looked up, that you might describe the object --- at least from your viewpoint --- as looking like an upside-down life raft.

#### Mach Three XB-70 bomber:

In June of 1966, one of only two operational prototype Mach Three XB-70 bombers crashed. As a result, there was a short-term rash of publicity surrounding the plane in the press, including the release of photographs in a number of popular magazines and other sources that depicted the plane from a variety of angles and operational modes.

Albert Nozaki, an eyewitness to the 'UFO over L.A.' reports that although the XB-70 itself did not resemble the object he saw that night in its totality, some photos that he did see during that rash of publicity following the crash struck him because of the way the plane was photographed reminded him of the object he saw that night. The closest that captures the essence of what he was trying to say looked something like the following:



**MACH-3 XB-70 SEEN FACE-ON IN FLIGHT WITH WING TIPS DOWN**



**THIS MACH-3 XB-70  
VERSION GIVES THE  
APPEARANCE OF AN  
ALIEN CRAFT**

Just as the object



came off the ocean, a woman who lived along the Strand that paralleled the beach said she had heard a ruckus going on outside, sirens, guns firing, all kinds of stuff, so she went out on to the Strand only to see this "thing" a few hundred feet above the beach slowly glide overhead off the ocean, not making a sound.

As the shore batteries and searchlights continued to wreak havoc against the night sky residents along the forty-mile stretch of coastline from north of Malibu to south of Palos Verdes had nothing but a front row seat to all the action.

One of those residents, who has since gone on to do intensive academic research into the mythological dimensions of the UFO phenomenon, was a young boy at the time but now retired Occidental College professor of anthropology C. Scott Littleton, living along the coast in the southern California oceanfront community of Hermosa Beach. In a recollection of the events that transpired that night Littleton writes:

"I was an eyewitness to the events of that unforgettable February morning in February of 1942. I was eight-years-old at the time, and my parents lived at 2500 Strand in Hermosa Beach, right on the beach.

"We thus had a grandstand seat. While my father went about his air-raid warden duties, my late mother and I watched the glowing object, which was caught in the glare of searchlights from both Palos Verdes and Malibu/Pacific/Palisades and surrounded by the puffs of ineffectual anti-aircraft fire, as it slowly flew across the ocean from northwest to southeast.

It headed inland over Redondo Beach, a couple of miles to the south of our vantage point, and eventually disappeared over the eastern end of the Palos Verdes hills, what's today called Rancho Palos Verdes.

The whole incident lasted, at least from our perspective, about half an hour, though we didn't time it. Like other kids in the neighborhood, I spend the next morning picking up of pieces of shrapnel on the beach; indeed, it's a wonder more people weren't injured by the stuff, as we were far from the only folks standing outside watching the action.

"In any case, I don't recall seeing any truly discernable configuration, just a small, glowing, slight lozenge-shaped blob of light ---a single blob. We only saw one object, not several as some witnesses later reported.

"At the time, we were convinced that it was a 'Jap' reconnaissance plane and that L.A. might be due for a major air-raid in the near future. Remember, this was less than three months after Pearl Harbor. But that of course never happened. Later on, we all expected 'them,' that is, the Military, to tell us what was really up there after the war. But that never happened, either."

"Littleton was quite right about the object heading inland a couple of miles south of him over Redondo Beach. After apparently skirting some distance off the surf line from somewhere around El Segundo to Hermosa Beach, for unknown reasons just as it passed south of the Edison electric generating plant in Redondo, rather than continue south around or past Palos Verdes Peninsula, it turned diagonally inland headed in a south-southeast direction.

"Later reports stated the object had been flying at an altitude between 8,000 to 12,000 feet, and if such was the case, with all the searchlights trained on it you would have thought at that altitude it could easily be seen coming.

"The craft was a huge giant thing that loomed up over the hills looking so big that when it crossed above our heads you couldn't see the sides, only the bottom --- and it took forever for the thing to finish passing over.

#### Littleton continues:

"Even though the object basically came straight on and crossed directly over the top of us, being out of the range of the searchlights it's actual shape was hard to discern against the upper night sky.

"My dad, who in 1929 had actually watched the Graf Zeppelin land in Los Angeles at Mines Field (now LAX and about eight miles north of Redondo Beach) and even walked alongside and under the giant airship, often said the object that passed over us that night was as big, if not bigger, than a Zeppelin.

"Some of what I remember about the thing besides its size, although it was huge, as I have grown older I am not totally sure how close it was to the actual size of the Graf Zeppelin in length at 776 feet as my dad's enthusiasm suggested."

Littleton, however, and a highly competent fellow collaborator and editor of the UFO Chronicles, Frank Warren, using what seems to be sort of triangulation, have estimated the object's size as even larger. Using the black and white photograph as a starting base they conclude:

"From the width of the light beams at the point they reached the object, plus the knowledge that at least one of them came from a searchlight battery in Manhattan Beach, some ten miles away (the others appear to have come from Inglewood or El Segundo), Frank Warren has concluded that it must have been considerably larger, that is, around 800 feet in length.

"Face on as I remember it, the object was not round or circular like a Zeppelin or a blimp, but wide and flat or slightly curved toward the center concave-like across the bottom from the outside edges. It seemed bluntly-wedged or possibly sloped toward the top and back somewhat in the front, sort of like the triangular or boxy shape of present-day stealth aircraft or more closely, an upside-down pointed shovel.

"From my vantage point, there was no sign of ribs or superstructure. No markings, alien hieroglyphic writing, insignias, or numbers --- earth-based or otherwise. No openings, windows, portholes, hatches, seams, or lights that I remember. No propellers, exterior motors, and no sound. It had no wheels, wings, fins, or stabilizers either, although it

did have the capability to rise and fall in altitude and pick up and gain speed as well as have the ability to go so slow it barely moved.

"After all it took well over thirty minutes to travel the twenty miles or so from Baldwin Hills to the ocean to Redondo Beach, then when my dad and neighbors attempted to follow it the object took off at a fairly high speed --- so much so their cars could not keep up with it. However, when it first turned in off the ocean, crossing the beach into Redondo proper, one of the first places it went over was the Happy Hour Café on the Strand, re the following:

"In February 1942 right there on the Strand, just south of the Edison steam generating plant, a huge, giant object, as big as a locomotive, came in off the ocean and flew right over the top of the Happy Hour Cafe and the apartments.

"She had heard a ruckus going on outside, sirens, guns firing, all kinds of stuff, so she went out on to the Strand only to see this 'thing' a few hundred feet above the beach slowly glide overhead off the ocean, not making a sound and, because of its length, taking forever to pass over."





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## **The Giant Alien Craft Makes its Move:**

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MADAME FIFIE MALOUF, SHOWN ON THE RIGHT WITH PAULINE PAGE OUT FRONT OF HER HAPPY HOUR CAFE ON THE STRAND IN REDONDO BEACH

In 1942 the Happy Hour Café was located on the beach-level corner of one of the apartments along with several other apartments owned by the infamous alleged South Bay madam Fifie Malouf, at 300-400 The Strand, Redondo Beach --- between the Edison steam plant and the Redondo pier --- the exact place the object is said to have come in off the ocean.

The point past the Edison steam plant where the object turned inland toward the southeast, the ground generally slopes up from sea level at the beach to around 150 feet within a mile or so. The object must have already been flying at or near that height as it did not seem to need to change altitude much as it approached the level of the top of the hill.

It was clearly exposed to ground fire in the open-air broadside from both the north and south before it began hugging the rooftops of the houses built along the higher-level ground.

It was out of range of anything from the north and to the south, the Hollywood Riviera battery was almost two miles away. That did not stop it from opening up on the object for the short time it had it in profile. It just was not effective; the rounds were falling all over the place before and beyond its path.

While the officials may have been claiming there was nothing there, it was just jittery nerves or weather balloons and dismissed the many observations of civilians, many of these civilian observers were very close as it passed over them and not only could detect an object but could see details as well!

Littleton continues:

"On the night of the fly-over, between from where I stood in the dirt alley behind my house and the oil wells began to rise up out of the fields, I had a perfectly clear and unobstructed view of the back of the object.

"So said, people often want to know if the rear of the craft had any exhaust ports or rocket-like thrust openings. The answer is no, at least none that I remember.

"However, my dad said when he tried to catch it, coming almost broadside, although well below and somewhat behind, he could see what looked like three distinct, possibly four, narrow red-orange slit-like openings on the side toward the back, describing them as "looking like shark gills only glowing.

"I saw nothing like that. Matter of fact I am not sure what the motive power for the object was. I do know, even though its size was likened to a Zeppelin it didn't act like one. Zeppelins are lighter than air machines and there is a certain physical and psychological buoyancy to them, both in reality and perception.



"This object seemed more like a battleship. There was something heavy about it. The thing is, is that it made absolutely no sound. Totally silent, which is odd because almost everything I ever saw that moved and was that big --- locomotives, airplanes, ships --- all made lots of noise.

"The only other thing that stood out about the object was that it left a very slight but distinct odor trailing off behind it such as the electrical smell of a transformer after a long period of use. After the object passed overhead, in its wake, the air reeked with an odor very similar to that.

"Some minutes after it passed over Redondo Beach and my dad lost track of it by not being able to keep up with it, the object was out over the agriculture fields that existed in those days a few miles inland east and south of the beach cities.

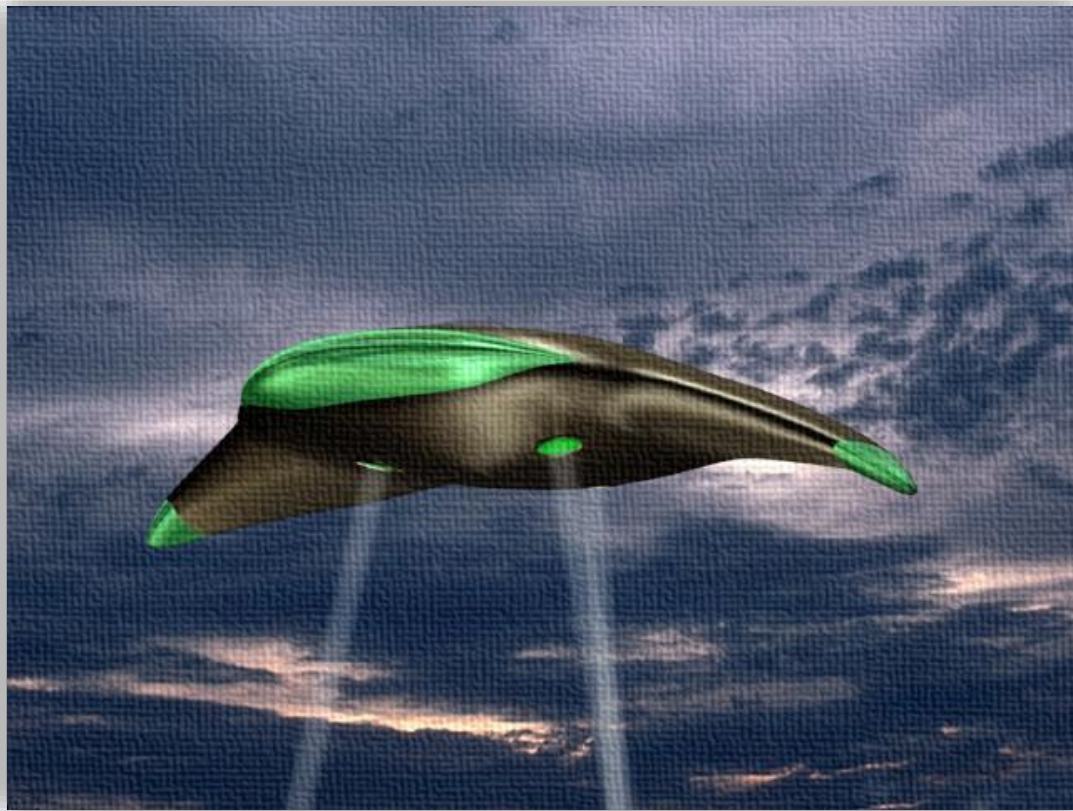
#### Albert Nozaki:

That same night Albert Nozaki was helping guard a friend's field against vandals that had been ruining crops. Here is what Nozaki saw that night in the early morning hours:

"Approaching me well above the fields from the west, silhouetted against the slightly lighter night sky, was a fairly huge dark airborne object coming straight toward me at a fairly quick pace. At first, it seemed as though it would take a path off to the right of where I was standing, but before it reached me it just barely began turning flatly toward the south, almost as in a controlled drift.

"By then I was just under the edge of the object as it went over me with the center off to my left, continuing its turn and eventually disappearing in the southern night sky while all the time gaining altitude. It was huge, dark, very long and wide with no lights or signs of windows. Although it did not have protruding wings like an airplane, the object's outside edges ominously curved down. As well, other than feeling a slight vibrational "hum" in my chest as it passed over, the object made no sound."





From the War of the Worlds

Nozaki, apparently drawing upon his experiences in the field that night in 1942, designed the terrifying Martian flying machines seen in the 1953 movie War of the Worlds.

Nozaki said he incorporated some of the ominous-like aspects of the object he saw such as the curving down contours into his 'War of the Worlds' craft wanting to capture some of the fear he felt as the real-life dark object came toward him --- as though he was going to be clutched up by it. So too, how it mysteriously remained aloft, apparently with some sort of technology or power we did not have.

The eyewitness, William "Bill" Stout that we read about earlier says at the exact same time something crossed overhead above him in the mountains near Agoura, "a huge gigantic flying thing not much higher than the tops of the trees --- and not making a sound, but all the while blocking out a good portion of the night sky and most of the stars --- slowly crossed overhead curving toward the east after

coming out of a more south-southwesterly direction." He says the object SLOWLY crossed overhead --- which means it reduced its speed to a crawl. To have crossed overhead where the eyewitness saw it, it would have had to have turned inland somewhere around Point Dume. The giant object skirted the north side of the Santa Monica mountains toward the east along Ventura Boulevard only to turn south in a gap in the mountains about midway along the southwestern edge of the San Fernando Valley.

After turning south, the object crossed over Baldwin Hills and turned westward toward the ocean coming out over the aircraft plants near the El Segundo tank farm. From there it went south along the coast turning back inland somewhere past the Edison plant in Redondo Beach.

Then anti-aircraft guns opened up at 3:06 AM --- 45 minutes after it disappeared --- that is, when it showed up again, not on radar, but visually and behind the sea facing anti-aircraft guns. A smart move on their part.

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## The Alien Craft Changes its Path:

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It was anti-aircraft guns from the 4th Antiaircraft Command that opened fire against the giant alien craft. The unit involved under the aegis of the Command was the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade (AA) under of which the 65th Coast Artillery Regiment (AA) located in Inglewood and the 205th Coast Artillery Regiment (AA) located in Santa Monica were the initial active participants.

At the time both regiments armament consisted of 3-inch and 37mm anti-aircraft guns and it was a combination of those guns and those from surrounding batteries that expended the nearly 10 tons of ammunition that rained down all over Los Angeles and the surrounding cities during the appearance of this UFO.

At higher elevations, the 3-inch guns and the 1.5-inch shells of the 37mm guns made no visible impact. As the object turned south along the surf line near El Segundo and headed toward Redondo Beach it lowered its altitude to parallel the beach just above the ocean with still no ill effect.

Just after passing the Edison plant it turned diagonally inland toward the south-southeast crossing almost directly over the Happy Hour, barely staying above the low lying hills that crested along Garnet Street, dropping to the south side of the hill along Torrance Boulevard and crossing over the 300 block of Lucia Street. Then, gaining altitude, it headed out over the oil fields and agriculture lands beyond.

Could it be that the diagonal turn inland just past the Edison plant was a designed move and done so because of what was jutting out in the ocean just a short distance south of the generating plant?

Yes, the Redondo Beach Pier. And installed on the end of the pier were two 155mm guns. Not the wimpy 3-inch or 37mm guns installed elsewhere, but huge guns that fired full 6-inch in diameter projectiles.

The object seems to have had the ability to withstand the anti-aircraft rounds without incident, but the 155mm rounds at such a close range from both guns in tandem might hurt.



ONE OF TWO 155mm GUNS PLACED ON THE END OF REDONDO BEACH'S PIER, DECEMBER 1941 TO 1943

The same is true when the object first turned south along the surf line near El Segundo and headed toward Redondo Beach and lowered its altitude. The reason it skirted just above the surf line at a fairly low elevation was because sitting between El Segundo and Redondo Beach in the city of Manhattan Beach were two of the most formidable weapons it would have encountered along its path. Even more so than the two 155mm guns on the Redondo Beach Pier.

In the center of Manhattan Beach, just a few blocks inland off the ocean were TWO huge 8-inch railway guns mounted on specially built flatcars sitting on a spur track laid just for the guns.

The guns could easily fire their five-hundred-pound projectiles for up to twenty miles. Unlike the Redondo guns, they were able to rotate all the way around in a full 360 degrees. They just were not able to fire at an object so close in just above the beach --- and, even if they did, everything in their path between the end of their gun muzzle and the beach would have been pulverized. So, the craft was able to just slip on by.

Also, the alien crafts decision to make the diagonal turn over Redondo Beach just prior to reaching the pier then cutting across the flatlands and passing in behind the sea-facing 16-inch coast defense guns emplaced at Fort MacArthur was not such a bad choice either. A single hit by one of their 2,240-pound projectiles within a range of 26 miles and most likely it would have been the end of the object.

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## **Battle of Los Angeles Photo Enhancements** **by Steven Lacey**

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An alien craft flew over Los Angeles County in 1942, and the picture below proves it. Something very odd happened in the early morning hours of February 25, 1942.

That aircraft flew over LA County and sparked an air raid alert. Searchlights and Guns were locked onto the aircraft for about an hour. That alert was unlike any other.

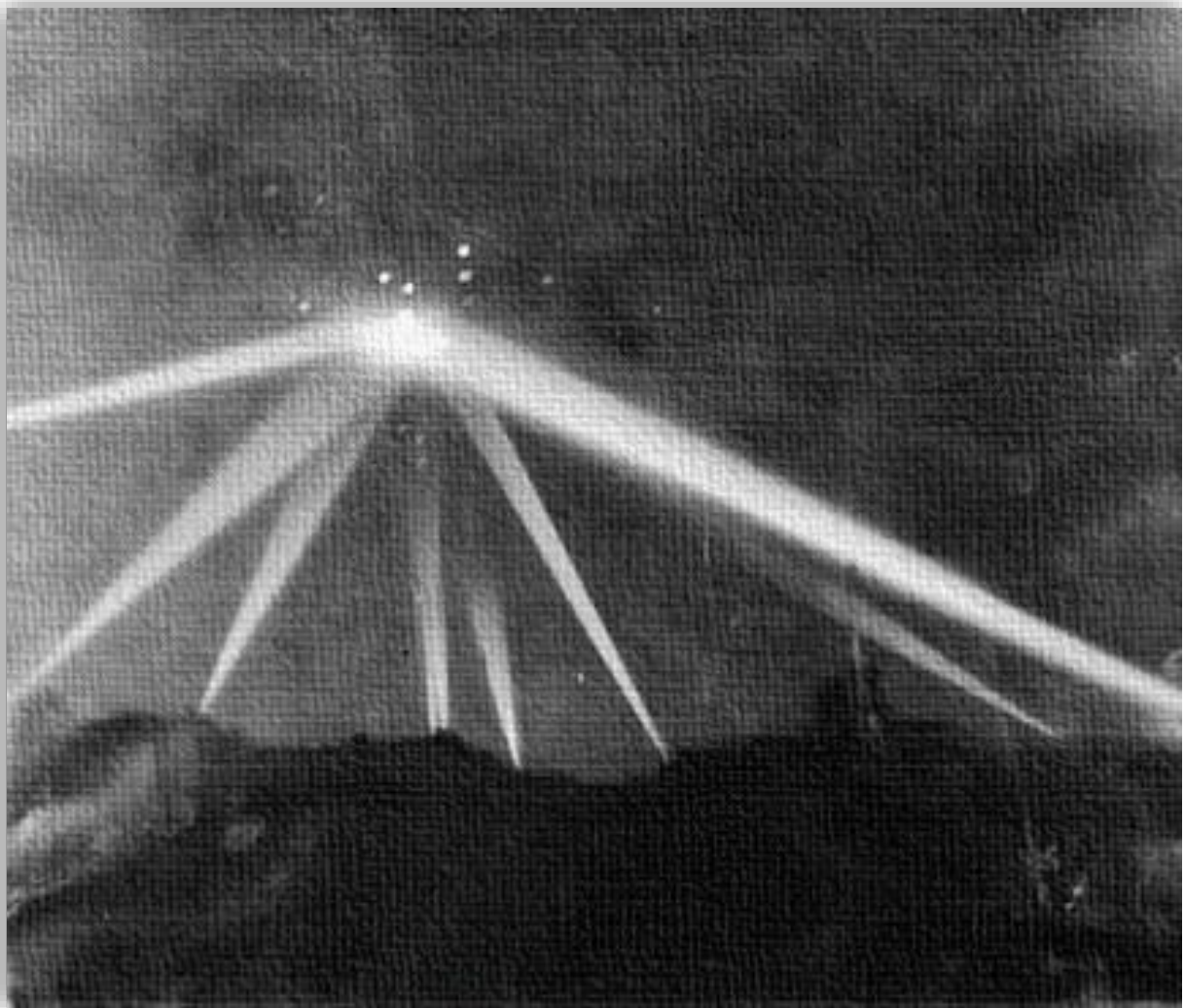
We've all seen the images of the military action in Iraq. Pictures of batteries of anti-aircraft guns firing in what looks like random patterns are familiar to most of us.

The picture below appeared in the LA Times in a story about the Battle of LA. It clearly shows a nighttime defensive response to an air raid, but the situation is very different than that in Iraq. The men firing the guns weren't desperately searching the sky trying to find a target. They clearly had a focus for their efforts.

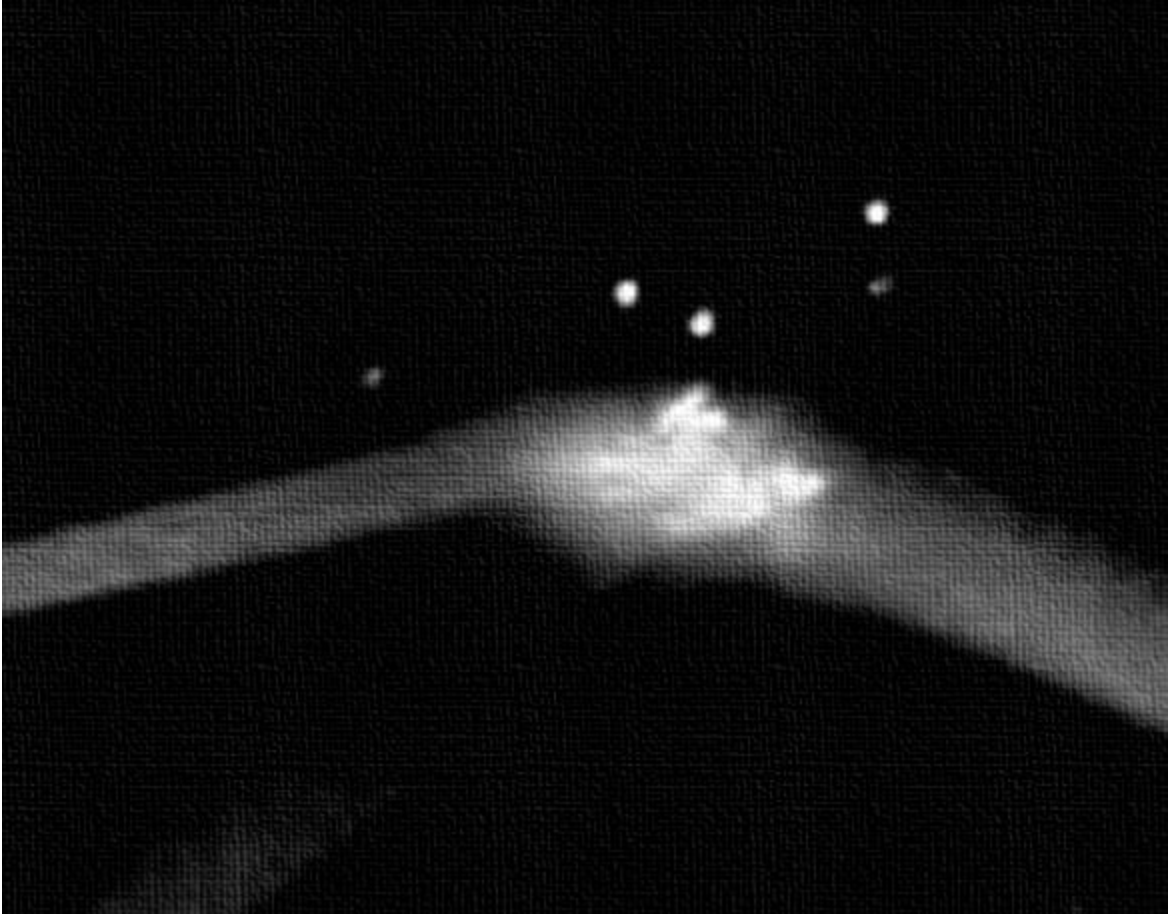
And this picture just may be the most convincing piece of evidence we've seen of an alien craft!

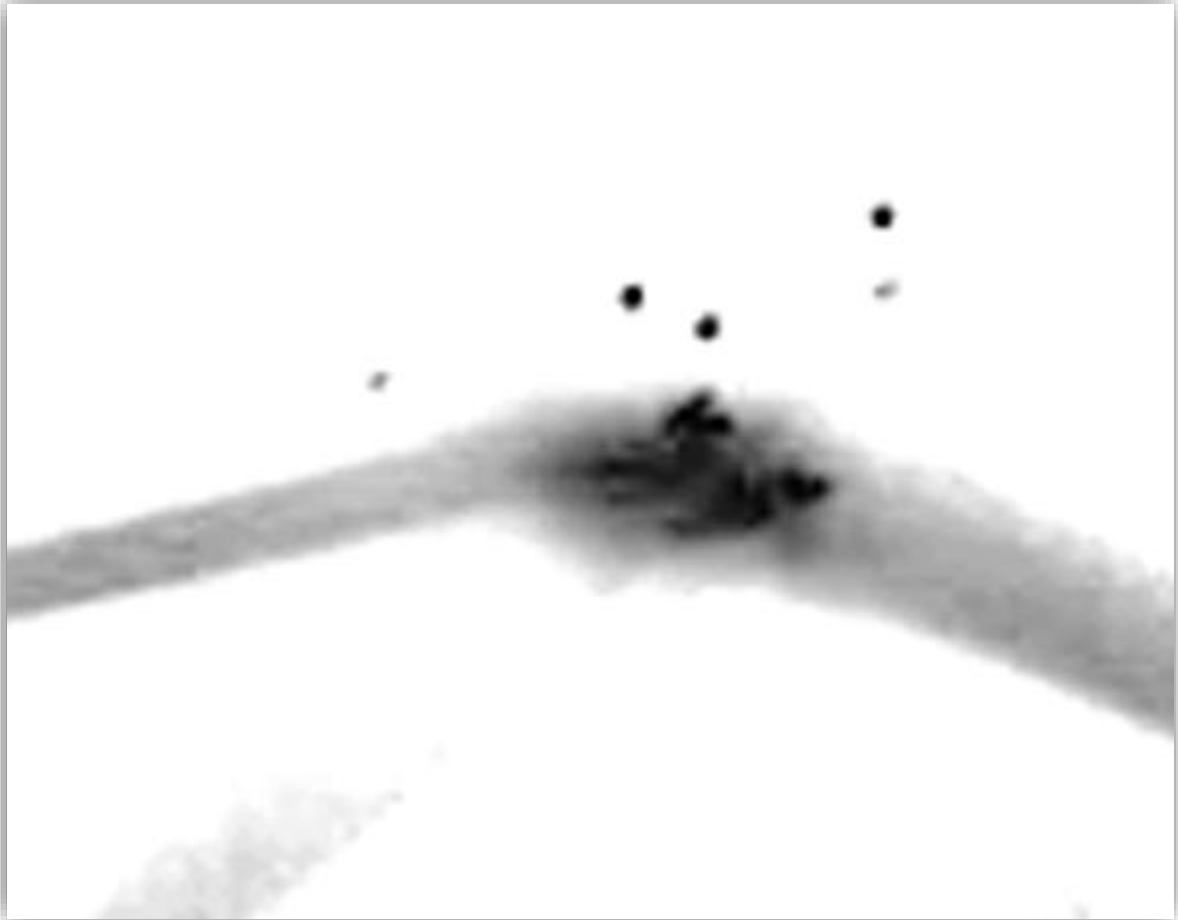
With a little effort using Adobe PhotoShop, Steven Lacey was able to clear up the image into something that clearly shows a classic saucer shaped craft right in the center of where all those searchlights are aimed.

*Check out the photo's below:*

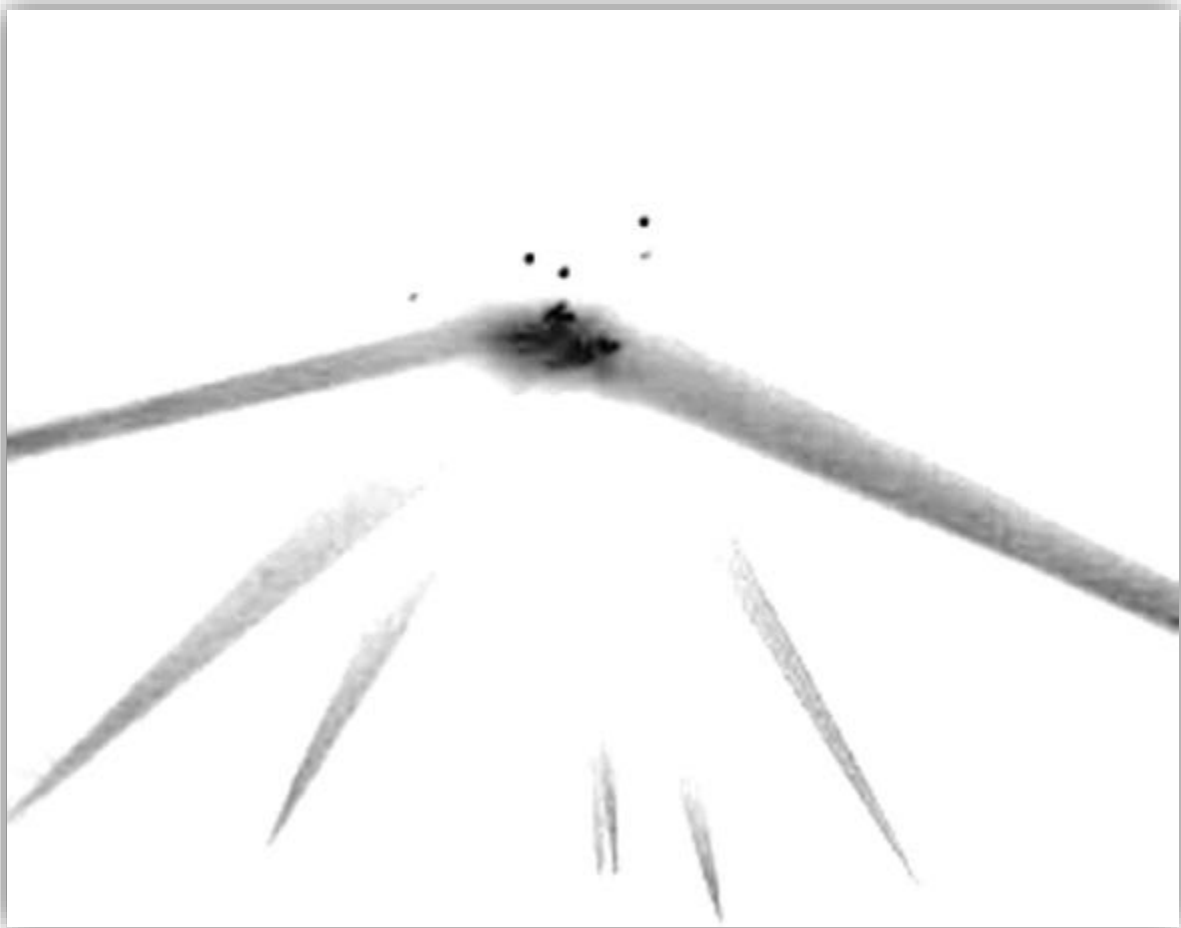


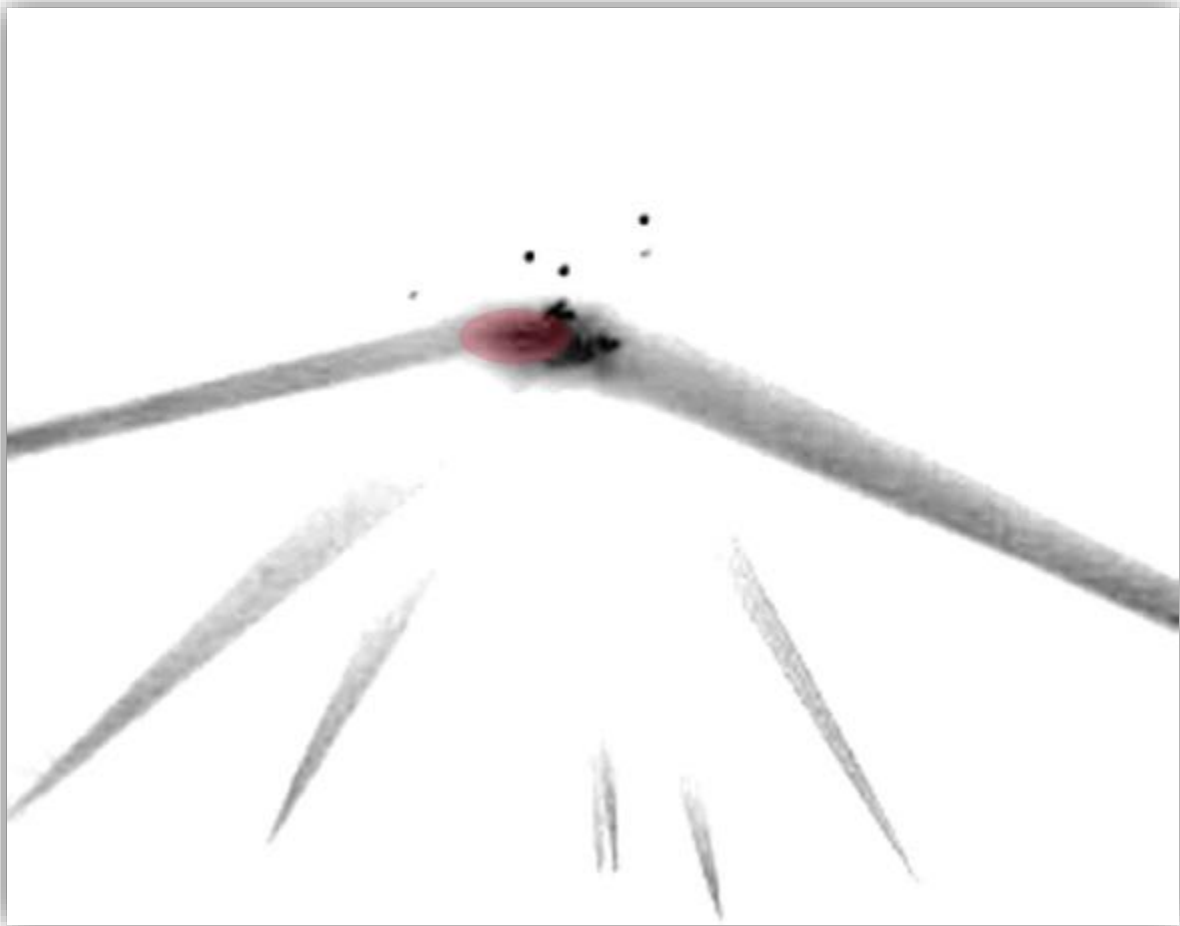












The picture clearly shows a saucer-shaped craft in the area highlighted. The area outside of the highlight appears to be clouds of smoke from several large explosions that are being illuminated by the lights.

Look closely at the explosions. They don't look like they are actually coming in contact with the craft. Witnesses told LA Times reporters that the bombs exploded in rings around the craft. Could it be that the craft had SHIELDS that are very similar to the shields used by the imaginary craft of Star Trek?

Red highlight was added to clarify what we are looking at. Coincidentally, it seems to mark the place where those shields seem to be having an effect.

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## **Battle of Los Angeles Photo Analysis by Frank Warren**

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Now let's discuss the photographic print obtained by Frank Warren which was made from the original negative.

Several different versions are presented in an effort to understand the nature of the "object" (dense smoke? solid body?) at the convergence of the beams.

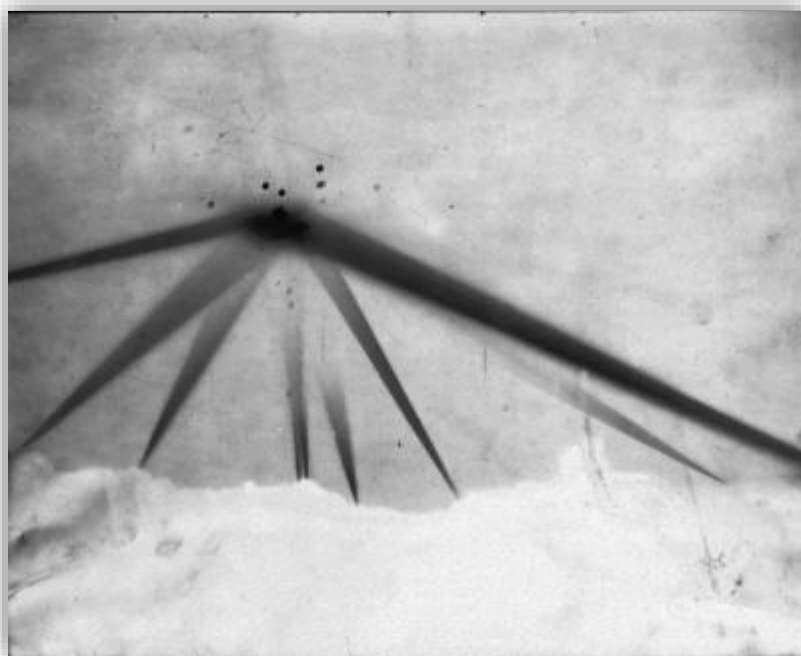
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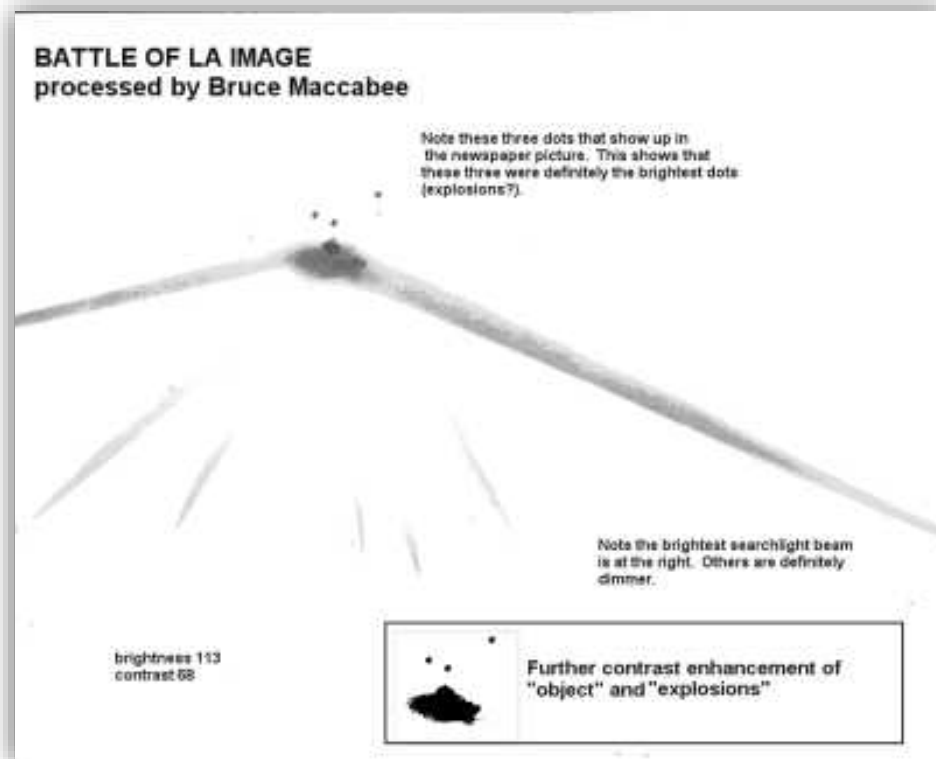
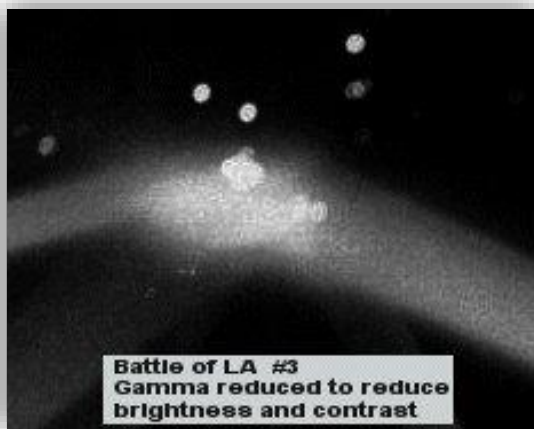
Next, we have some enhanced versions:

Sometimes it is helpful to see a negative.

that this is what the actual negative looks like One presumes.

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The caption under the photo reads:

“SEEKING OUT OBJECT - Scores of searchlights built a wigwam of light beams over Los Angeles early yesterday morning during the alarm. This picture was taken during a blackout; shows nine beams converging on an object in the sky in Culver City area. The blobs of light which show at the apex of beam angles were made by anti-aircraft shells.”

To get the true relative image brightnesses it is necessary to scan the original negative and then adjust the “gamma” (relation between film image density and the amount of light which made the image) to match the gamma at development. This is typically 1, but they may have pushed the film to a higher gamma to get faint images.

There may well be information on the shape of the “object” which is not discernible from the print because apparently the exposure level of the “object” is quite high and so the image may be well into the range of brightness saturation of the print. IF this is so, i.e., if the print image is well saturated, no amount of analysis will “dig out” the totality of brightness information (variations in the high brightness levels) contained within the negative.

there are quite a few “explosions” (I presume) which probably did not happen all at once

The exposure could have been several seconds.

The fact that the beams basically do not get past the “object” (there is some faint evidence of beams above the object), whatever was at the beam convergence must have been optically quite dense. If there was a lot of smoke swirling around the volume of air illuminated by the beams, I would expect to see variations in beam brightness (brighter where there was smoke).

There are variations, but they are uniform and agree with the distance (from the searchlight) and width of the beam. That is, the variations are consistent with each beam getting dimmer as it travels

away from the searchlight. IF there were smoke within any beam it should cause an increase in the scattered light where there is smoke (which is how we see the beams anyway... light bounced or scattered from dust or smoke particles in the air).

The beams are quite bright before they reach the "object" and zero or nearly zero afterward. Just how much optical density of smoke this requires I do not know. However, certainly, a solid metallic object would be sufficient to block the beams.

How large is the "object"? If we knew the distance of the camera from the beam convergence and the focal length of the camera we could calculate the approximate size. This requires knowing what portion of the city the object was over, where the cameraman was, and the altitude of the "object." An alternative method is to estimate the diameter of a spotlight beam at some distance from the spotlight and use that width as a reference size.

I found a research article by Dr. Louis Eltermann that reports research in the latter 1940's in which he used an army searchlight to probe the upper atmosphere in order to determine the vertical distribution of dust in the atmosphere.

Eltermann described the searchlight as being 5 ft in diameter and with a divergence of about 1.25 degrees or about 20 milliradians. This means that the diameter at a distance  $d$  from the mirror would be about  $D = 5' + 0.02d$ . Thus at 1000 ft, the diameter would be about 25 ft. Of course, the beam is not uniformly bright across its diameter, so the effective diameter might be closer to 20 feet.

Consider the beam at the right side of the photo.

It protrudes upward at some angle, probably not the angle in the photo. Suppose the elevation angle was 30 degrees. The "object" width is oriented horizontally (parallel to the ground) whereas the beam is assumed to be tilted at about 30 degrees. Hence the horizontal width of the beam,  $W$ , (not perpendicular to the beam

axis) would be  $W = D/\sin(\text{angle of elevation}) = D/\sin(30) = 2D$  for the assumed 30 degree elevation angle.

Hence if the object were 1000 ft from the projection lens it was about  $2 \times 25 = 50$  ft wide.

If at 2000 ft the calculation yields  $D = 45$  ft and  $W = 90$  ft.

One estimate of the height of the object was 8,000 ft. For a 30-degree slant angle of the beam from ground level up to 8,000 ft the distance along the beam would be about  $8,000/\sin 30 = 16,000$  ft. If this were so, then the beam diameter at that height would have been about 165 ft and the horizontal width of the object would have been about 330 ft.

If the slant angle of the beam was less than 30 degrees, then the calculated sizes would have been larger. Conversely, if the slant angle was greater the calculated sizes would have been smaller.

Based on the above calculations and realizing that a much better estimate could be made if we had more accurate information on the spotlights, camera, etc., I would hazard a guess that the width of the illuminated "object" is on the order of 100 ft or more in size.

Without more solid information to go on this has to be no more than a WAG (wild...rear-end... guess) (but I bet its close to right!)



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## **Do these Photos Actually Prove the Existence of Alien Presence and Advanced Technology here on Earth?**

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The Battle of LA makes a very convincing argument for the presence of alien craft in our skies. The fact that something not of this Earth flew slowly over LA County is very clear.

There were hundreds of thousands of witnesses to the craft as it traveled apparently without being in any hurry while our military tried very hard to knock it out of the sky. Once the craft had slowly traveled out of range of our guns the battle was over.

Since Pearl Harbor had happened only a few months before it was easy to believe that the Japanese had made the flight. Now that theory simply doesn't make any sense. If the Japanese had aircraft that were immune to our anti-aircraft guns, then the war would have taken a very different turn.

Even all these years later no country has aircraft that can continue to fly without any apparent damage after being hit with even one anti-aircraft shell. The aircraft that flew over LA County that night had to have been an alien craft.

(Although I've heard that the U.S. has just recently perfected the use of force fields in its latest stealth fighters.)

This aircraft wasn't hostile. If the pilots of the craft had wanted to hurt someone they certainly had the chance. I can't say whether that craft was armed, but if humans had designed a craft that could take such punishment they would have designed it to be able to carry weapons.

There wasn't any mention of the craft doing anything hostile in any of the news stories I've read. It didn't drop any bombs and it didn't fire back at the gun emplacements.

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## **WHY would anyone human or alien make such a flight?**

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I see this flight as a kind of a show of force without using force. The craft flew very slowly along without taking any evasive action as our military threw everything it could at it. If this was an INTELLIGENTLY controlled vehicle then there is NO WAY that the pilots didn't notice the barrage of shells that were being directed at their craft. It's obvious that they weren't concerned that their craft would be harmed. The craft withstood the best we could do to it without showing any damage. It clearly says that the technology used to manufacture this craft is of course far superior to ours.

What happened suggests intent. They ignored the provocation of our attempt to destroy them. It might have been done to make a statement. I think the pilots of that craft were trying to say that we couldn't hurt them and that we shouldn't be afraid of them.

Was this craft designed with antiaircraft gunfire in mind? I think that it was built so strong because of another concern.

Since they have a way to propel a craft at extremely fast speeds in open space and space is filled with objects large and small, (there are Billions of asteroids in our solar system with most of them orbiting the sun just like the planets), and If this fast moving craft hit a piece of rock or metal the size of a dime it might destroy it.

The energies involved such an impact would be tremendous. Most likely this type of impact is what the craft was designed to withstand.

Although, this doesn't mean that they aren't concerned about protecting their craft from attack. It appears that many alien groups have their hands full protecting their planets from hostile races.

Just as our Planet Earth, as a protected developing habitat is being protected by alien groups that have that responsibility.

The Battle of Los Angeles happened long before the idea that an Unidentified Flying Object might be an alien craft was widespread.

The government simply said that the craft they were shooting at was unidentified. They let the public ASSUME that the craft had been Japanese. Wonder how many people even questioned the idea that the craft MUST have been Japanese?

What would have happened if they had brought that ship down? The Government has had enough trouble covering up what happened at Roswell. I don't think they would have been able to cover up a crashed alien craft the size of an apartment building in the middle of the city of Los Angeles.

Unless it crashed, out of sight, into the ocean? That has been covered in this book, did you read that section?

Okay, I hear you know saying: "Gil, you dummy, it was just demonstrated that our guns had no effect on this alien craft, so how could they do that?"

Is it possible that we hit a vulnerable spot, or a combination of actions occurred that these alien pilots were unprepared for?

I have covered in my book "UFO Crashes" <http://www.blue-planet-project.com/ufo-crashes-secret-files-revealed.html> how some UFOs were brought down, or accidentally crashed because they couldn't use the powerful force fields that protect them as they journey in space. This force field would do major damage to the Earth's surface.

And this giant alien craft that was flying over L.A. was observed by thousands flying at rooftop level. Which brings up another question; some witnesses claimed that it appeared to be coming in for a landing.

Could it have been having mechanical problems completely unrelated to our attack on it, and was trying to land, not realizing that Los Angeles was inhabited by such unfriendly, hostile humans?

And of course, there were those claims that the craft involved in the crashes near Roswell were affected by a new radar system that was being implemented at that time! Was that type of radar in use in 1942?

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## **Alien Craft Flying in our Skies Today and no one Cares!**

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Consider what would happen if a giant alien craft appeared over Los Angeles, or any other large city today, what would happen? Would they try to bring it down?

I guess that would depend on whether or not it was considered hostile and if they could bring it down in a secluded area.

Actually, a similar situation is covered in my "UFO Crashes" book where a UFO was brought down over Long Island, how they did it, why, the timing and how they cleaned up the site and kept it quite!

I just answered my own question about "what would they do" as I just started thinking about the many instances of UFOs appearing over our cities and they were ignored. The government response was: "What UFO, I didn't see anything?"

As an example, the fairly recent incident at Chicago's O'Hare airport where they had to shut down some of the runways as this UFO was acting like it wanted to land and was hovering over the airport in plain view of everyone, except the government and the military. And several airport employees were disciplined for admitting to the news media that a UFO was actually there snarling up the flight schedule of our own Earthly craft. Did these aliens just want to say hello, or stop in for lunch? We may have hurt their feelings that after a long flight, no one came out to greet them.

So many other examples... What about the time President Clinton was holding a news conference on the White House lawn and then later they noticed that there was a UFO shown on the video hovering over Clinton's shoulder in the background!

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### **A More Recent Sighting of the UFO Resembling Upside Down Raft:**

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Another incident occurred around thirty to forty years after the Los Angeles flyover --- and not over L.A., but in a place called Bickel's Camp located in the desert about 100 miles north of Los Angeles, in an area called Last Chance Canyon. The object, as described below, was seen by three men, Mark Aslin, the current caretaker of Bickel's Camp, John Bullock and Walt Bickel:

"The three men went outside and beheld an awesome sight. In the eastern sky hovering over the nearest hill was an enormous dark object.

"'It was shaped more or less like an inflated life raft,' Aslin recalled. 'The sky was crystal clear and it was a brilliant, star-studded night.' Aslin pointed out that desert living had made them accustomed to

ambient stillness, but the silence they encountered that night was like being deaf.

"Then the shape moved over the cabin slowly,' he said. Everything became unearthly hushed. 'You couldn't hear animals, insects or even the wind. It became frighteningly quiet in a desert known for silence.' The object moved on slowly and disappeared in the west."

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### **Leaked Documents Shed New Light On 1942 'Battle of Los Angeles' Incident**

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The report that 1,430 Anti-Aircraft rounds were fired at unidentified objects over Los Angeles early the morning of February 25, 1942 - approximately two and a half months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor - never has been seriously challenged.

What's new in the story is that five "leaked" and formerly highly classified documents trace the beginnings of a reverse-engineering project of non-terrestrial craft back to that 1942 event, which has come to be known as the "Battle of Los Angeles."

According to the documents, two U.S. presidents were aware of the top-secret project. One memo provides evidence that U.S. military had recovered two craft believed to be of "interplanetary origin," prompting investigation of War Department files for evidence of any other such craft.

The documents also indicate the existence of a "Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology" and imply strong government interest in supporting the study of non-terrestrial biology and physics.

Be advised that some have claimed that this document is a fake, we will have to leave that to the experts to hash over. Whether it is or not, it is food for thought and a beginning to an investigation to discover the truth.



## Documents

### MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT:

As you can see, the original is unreadable so below is the copy of it:

-----As indicated in my February 25 memorandum to you regarding the air raid over Los Angeles it has been learned by Army G2 that Rear Admiral Anderson, through the Office of Naval Intelligence, has informed the War Department of a naval (recovery of an) unidentified airplane off the coast of California unlike [-----] no bearing on conventional explanation. Further (investigation has) revealed that the Army Air Corps also recovered a similar aircraft in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles which cannot be certified as conventional aircraft. This Headquarters has come to the determination that the mystery airplanes are in fact not earthly and according to secret intelligence sources they are in all probability of interplanetary origin. As a consequence, I have issued orders to Army G2 that a special intelligence unit be created to further investigate the phenomenon and report any significant connection between recent incidents and those collected by the director of the office of Coordinator of Information.

-----I have further ordered a thorough investigation of all War Department files regarding unconventional aerial phenomenon reported since 1897 and what extent [-----] on the subject. At present, GHQ has no further information which would invalidate this conclusion. Pending any further [-----] investigation into the matter shall be limited to those [-----] authorized by you.

G. C. Marshall  
Chief of Staff



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR  
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY

I have considered the disposition of the material in possession of the Army that may be of great significance toward the development of a super weapon of war. I disagree with the argument that such information should be shared with our ally the Soviet Union. Consultation with Dr. Bush and other scientists on the issue of finding practical uses for the atomic secrets learned from study of celestial devices precludes any further discussion and I therefor authorize Dr. Bush to proceed with the project without further delay. This information is vital to the nation's superiority and must remain within the confines of state secrets. Any further discussion on the matter will be restricted to General Donovan, Dr. Bush, the Secretary of War and yourself. The challenge our nation faces is daunting and perilous in this undertaking and I have committed the resources of the government towards that end. You have my assurance that when circumstances are favorable and we are victorious, the Army will have the fruits of research in exploring further applications of this new wonder.

You may speak to me about this if the above is not wholly clear.

F. D. R

Note in the letter of communication on the previous page, between then U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the U.S. Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall, dated February 27, 1942, two days after the UFO over Los Angeles, where FDR refers to "atomic

secrets learned from the study of celestial devices." The date, being just two days following the February Los Angeles event, is most likely coincidental as nothing if anything --- except perhaps speculation --- could have been garnered of any substance or significance over such a short period of time.

The gist of the memo does, however, set the tone for a more receptive atmosphere of such events by powers that be. Dr. Bush referred to in the memo, by the way, is Dr. Vannevar Bush, the chairman of FDR's National Defense Resource Committee (NDRC), which looked into the invention and development of atomic weapons for the war effort.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following is the information we have from GHQ at this moment regarding the air alarm over Los Angeles of yesterday morning:

"From details available at this hour:

"1. Unidentified airplanes, other than American Army or Navy planes, were probably over Los Angeles, and were fired on by elements of the 37th CA Brigade (AA) between 3:12 and 4:15 AM. These units expended 1430 rounds of ammunition.

"2. As many as fifteen airplanes may have been involved, flying at various speeds from what is officially reported as being 'very slow' to as much as 200 MPH and at elevations from 9000 to 18000 feet.

"3. No bombs were dropped.

"4. No casualties among our troops.

"5. No planes were shot down.

"6. No American Army or Navy planes were in action.

"Investigation continuing. It seems reasonable to conclude that if unidentified airplanes were involved they may have been from commercial sources, operated by enemy agents for purposes of spreading alarm, disclosing location of antiaircraft positions, and slowing production through blackout. Such conclusion is supported by varying speed of operation and the fact that no bombs were dropped."

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Date- 3-10-59

Signature- *Carl L. Spitzer*

*George Marshall*  
Chief of Staff.

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February 26, 1942

Dear Harry:

Who is responsible for the air alarm system in the United States? Can anyone other than an authorized official of the United States Army order an air alarm?

It seems to me that all comment in reference to air alarms should be made exclusively by the appropriate officials of the Department responsible.

I am writing this note in the light of the two alarms last night.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The Honorable  
The Secretary of War. x25

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President Roosevelt's response to Secretary of War, Henry Stimson

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## Could There Be a Connection to Mount Shasta?

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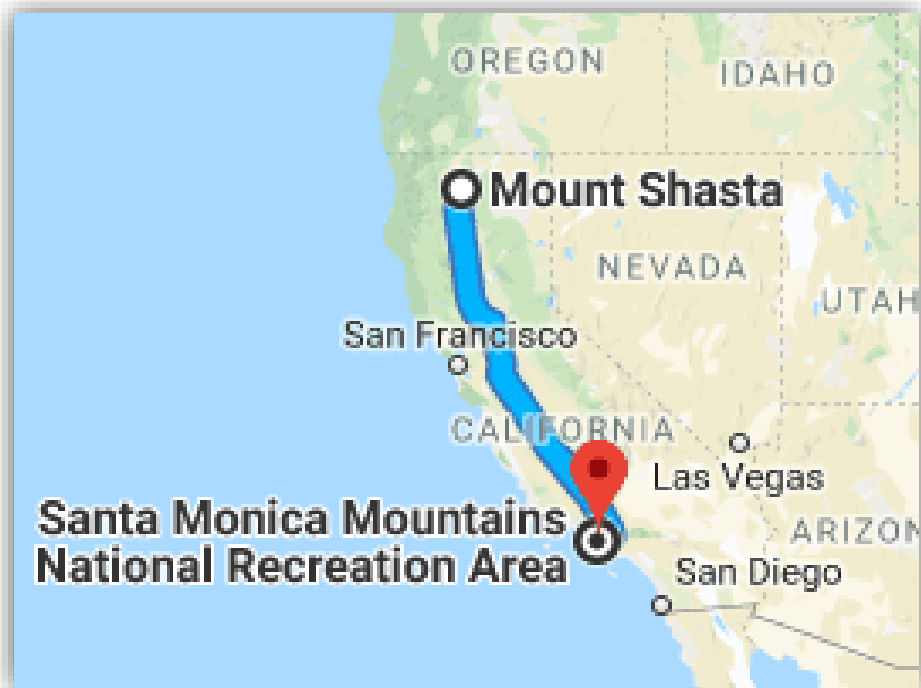
Recently I ran across some information that claimed that according to U.S. Navy radar reports, a craft was spotted moving into the Santa Monica Mountains from the Pacific Ocean in the hours before the sightings and subsequent battle of Los Angeles.

It was claimed that Just north of where it was first picked up is Mount Shasta – an area regarded as a UFO hotspot. It is also rife with strange reports and stories, with some people even claiming a top-secret alien base is hidden within it.

This struck me as rather strange when I read the information contained in that report. Sure, investigate and write about strange occurrences all the time and a lot of it makes sense the deeper you delve into it.

But it struck me that there would be a Mount Shasta connection, Mount Shasta is a long ways (617 miles to be more precise) from the Santa Monica Mountains. OK, via UFO it may just be several minutes.

And I'm not denying that Mt. Shasta is a hotbed of alien activity, matter of fact, you may have read my





book: "Alien Underground Bases" which reveals what's really happening at Mt. Shasta and many other locations around the World.

<http://www.blue-planet-project.com/alien-underground-bases-book.html>

Actually, there are a number of possible alien bases closer to Los Angeles than Mt. Shasta. One that comes to mind is some large



openings leading from the coast under Southern California. This area is honeycombed with underground seas and rivers, some even extending all the way to Nevada.

I have documented in my "Alien Underground Bases" book how an underground waterway extends from the San Francisco Bay all the way to Hawthorne Nevada and to a military base which contains a lake that is referred to as "an inland submarine base" and this waterway is claimed to be traversable by submarines!

### Back to Mt. Shasta:

Strange lights and glowing orbs are often seen and reported in the area and have been for hundreds of years. Native American tribes indigenous to the area believe that inside the great mountain is a [network of caves that lead to an "inner city"](#) where advanced "reptilian" creatures live. Other local people have told stories of "robed humanoid" people, who are very tall and live inside the mountain, only occasionally venturing out into the wider world.

### From my book "Alien Underground Bases"

"Blue Ocean, who is a Native American, says that as a child growing up there he and his friends and family heard the sounds of Bigfoot and often there were reports of a little race of beings who would throw stones at the natives. There is even said to be an entrance to a major underground city there and the Native Americans consider the area to be sacred. UFOs are a dime a dozen and in the old days passengers on a train going by would often notice strange lights on the side of the mountain. There is ample evidence that something strange is going on around – and perhaps inside – Mount Shasta, and it's a fascinating subject. Lots of people travel there annually to climb the mountain and many have reported all sorts of anomalies. In 1884, writer and seeker, Fredrick Oliver wrote a book: "A Dweller on Two Planets" that told of underground tunnels and elaborate halls where the descendants of the Atlanteans lived."

### And the New Age version of Mount Shasta:

Today, over 100 New Age sects and religious groups regard the mountain as a sacred source of mystical power which can lead people to harmony and peace. Mt. Shasta has been identified by many of these sects as being a cosmic power point, a UFO landing spot, and even an entry point into the fifth dimension (or parallel earth).

### A strange story:

Perhaps one of the strangest stories concerning Mount Shasta is that of a three-year-old boy who went missing for several hours while camping with his grandparents near the infamous mountain in early 2013. The young boy was found safe and well and ultimately, he had come to no harm. However, several weeks after the incident, he began to speak about what had happened.

He stated that “the other Grandma” – who was actually a robot – had taken him into a secret cave that was inside the mountain. According to the young boy, the cave was full of guns and spiders. He then went on to say that “the other Grandma” said he was really from outer space and that he had been placed in his “Mom’s tummy” by aliens.

Even stranger was that the boy’s grandmother had already had an unusual encounter a year earlier, almost in the same spot where her grandson had gone missing. While camping with her friend, both women awoke to discover they had a strange bite mark on the back of their necks. They also both spoke of having an intense memory of being watched by a pair of “red eyes” throughout the night – like a spider’s eyes!



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## Did We Actually Bring Down That Giant Alien Craft?

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No, I didn't happen to be there with my camera, this is Just an example of how it might have appeared

Dr. Michael Wolf, author of *Catchers of Heaven* claimed to have been a consultant to MJ-12, and also claims that the modern UFO era began in 1941 when a UFO came down into the ocean west of San Diego and was retrieved by the Navy and the Navy has held a leadership position in UFO matters ever since.

Could he have been off on that date, could it actually have been 1942 bringing it into the timeline of this book?

Yes, another date has been given for that incident...

In a letter Dr. Boylan received from the son of a Colonel William Brophy. In the letter, written in response to a Nexus article, the son



*San Clemente Island as it appears today*

relates his father told him in conversation on more than one occasion that the date for the UFO retrieval was NOT the more general 1941 as Dr. Wolf extrapolated from his sources, but actually the following year on the specific date of February 25, 1942!

This event, the recovery of the UFO by the Navy off San Diego, is backed up in the March 5, 1942, memo from the Army Chief of Staff to the President of the United States.

Of course, February 25, 1942, is the EXACT same date that the object was seen by hundreds if not thousands of people to have crossed somewhere between Palos Verdes on the west and Signal Hill on the east before coming out over Long Beach and heading south along the California coast before it just disappeared --- with the same direction of travel being, if continued, San Diego

And, as mentioned earlier, when this suspected alien craft crossed the witnesses house in Redondo Beach, the object was so low that it was thought to be coming in for a landing --- as if the craft may have been damaged or something. Since nobody seems to know

what happened to the thing, the possibility exists that it could have gone down in the Pacific somewhere off San Diego.

If it did go down off San Diego and was recovered by the Navy, it is certainly not a widely known fact even amongst those who are familiar with most UFO information.

It is clearly possible that this giant craft, some distance off the coast west of Seal Beach or Sunset Beach, or possibly even Huntington Beach, turned more west-southwest and headed out to sea toward the basically uninhabited island of San Clemente.

Coming down the coast from the north, practically abandon San Clemente Island is the last and most southern of the Channel Islands, located probably less than fifty miles off the California mainland and about halfway between Long Beach and San Diego.

Could this giant craft have landed for damage assessment or maybe to administer some sort of repairs, then took off crashing into the water off San Diego to be recovered by the U.S. Navy, or maybe even captured on San Clemente Island?

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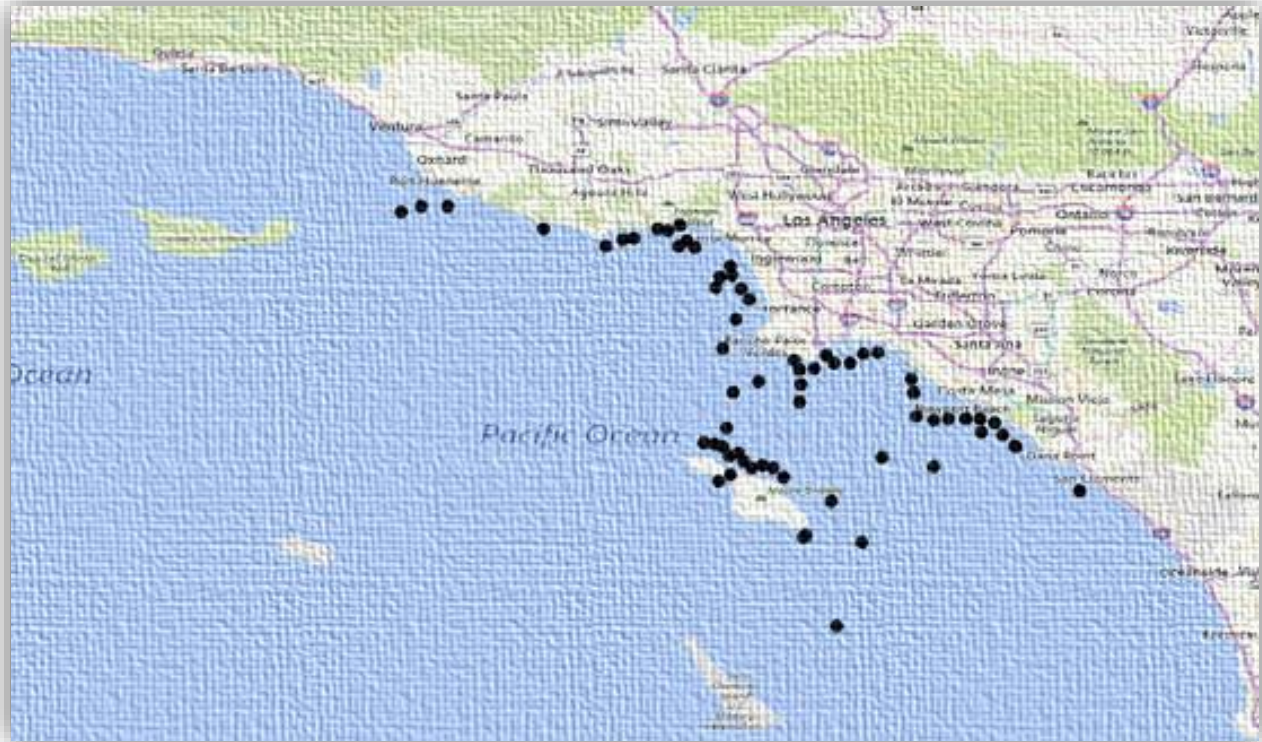
## **UFOs Around San Clemente Island, the Rest of the Channel Islands, and the South Bay Area**

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We probably shouldn't be too surprised to discover that an alien craft would be caught up in such a large flap of publicity.

This whole Southern California South Bay area extending to the Channel Islands has always been a hotbed of UFO activity.

As mentioned earlier, I was born and raised in Culver City, then eventually living in Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. So I've heard all the stories.



### Groupings of UFO sightings in the Southern California South Bay area

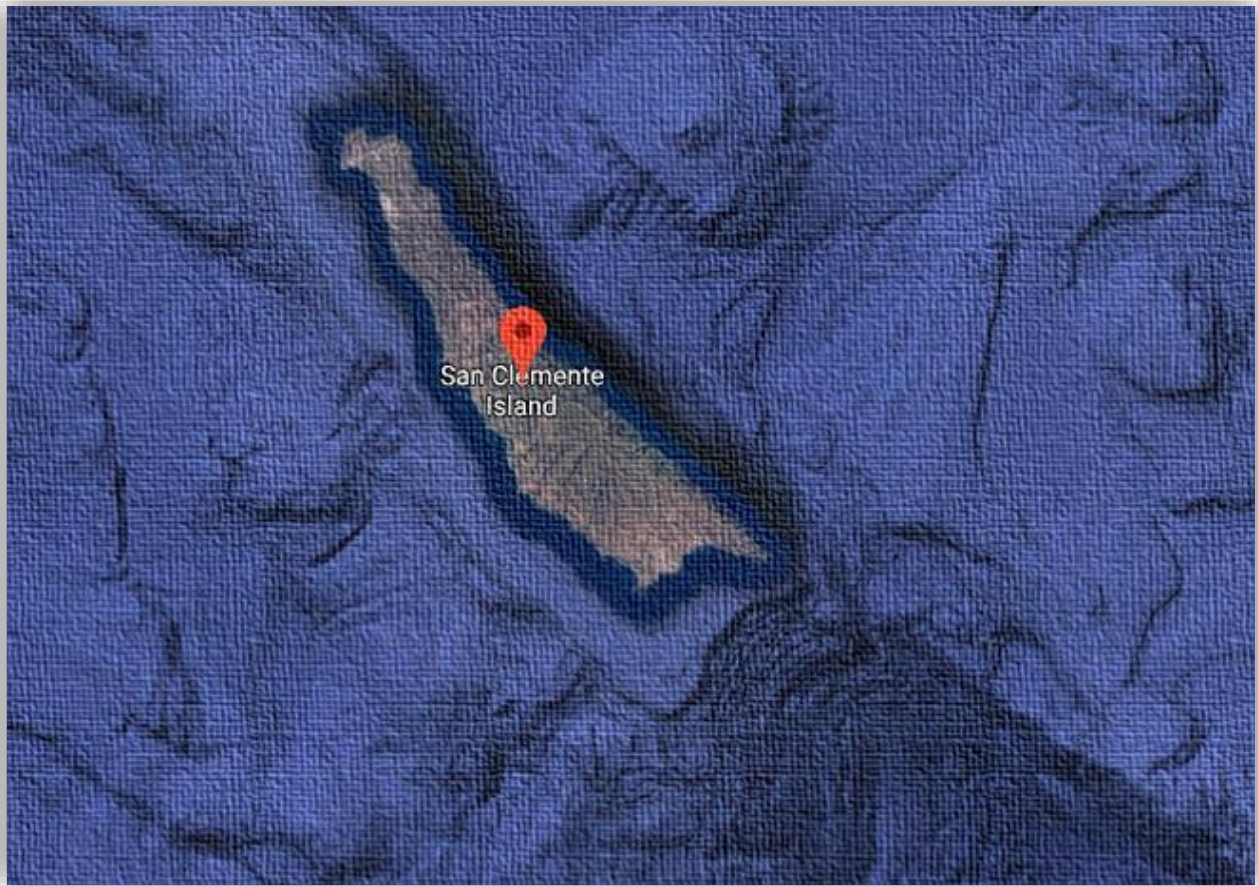
I even lived in a house on a bluff in Palos Verdes that overlooked the ocean and had a great view of Catalina Island. No, I don't recall seeing any UFOs from my vantage point, but that house was really haunted!

(That story is for another book.)

For years I've heard that there was a lot of UFO activity around Catalina Island and that there was even an underground base under or in the waters near Catalina Island. (Catalina Island is on the Western, inland side of and very close to San Clemente Island.

Below are some interesting formations I just discovered on Google Earth, could this relate to the underwater alien bases that have gotten a lot of interest lately?





Notice the large anomaly to the right of San Clemente Island and extending up to the top center of the picture – what first caught my eye is that the structure of it is different from the features of the surrounding underwater areas and it looks like there may be entrances on the lower left side of it



This is a blowup of the strange anomaly shown on the previous page

## UFOs and Black Ops, a strange mix

This area of the Pacific is no stranger to Black Ops type government activity as well as alien UFO maneuvers. Was this one ours or theirs? Although we have back-engineered alien technology, this seems to be beyond our capabilities and probably wasn't a black ops project.

With such a convergence of both forces, there must have been some kind unwritten agreement to work together and/or work separately avoiding conflicts or accidents.

The secretive San Clemente Island just off the coast of southern California is owned and operated by the US Navy. The high-security island hosts an entire MOUT/CQB range complex city built specifically for the Navy SEALs. The island is also home to a rocket-test facility. It's likely to be sitting on, or floating on, an extensive subterranean/submarine military installation, not visible from the sky.

Interestingly, San Clemente hosted the SEALAB III project in the late 1960's, which was an experimental underwater habitat developed to study and support humans living and working in underwater isolation for extended periods of time. The project was repeatedly and mysteriously sabotaged until it was, at least officially, ended. That research project was taking place roughly 50 years before this encounter, so is it really all that strange to possibly be seeing the fruition of multiple decades of submarine research in the form of unexplained technology in the area?

Additionally, albeit farther off from the area we are looking at, check out the mostly uninhabited, wholly underutilized Isla Guadalupe, Mexico, off the coast of the Baja Peninsula, as there have been many UFO sightings there.

The few fishing encampments on the volcano cratered island are sustained by the Mexican Navy. Interestingly, the US Government set

up a "weather station" on the Island in the late 1940's, at the same time as the Roswell Incident and the explosion of reported UFO sightings in the American southwest. Considering the regularity of UFO sightings in Mexico, it doesn't seem farfetched to think Isla Guadalupe could also be home to an advanced black technology research and development facility.

In the late 1980s, reports of unidentified ocean-going craft started being publicized. Most of these reports came from a certain stretch of California coastline, from about Santa Barbara south to Long Beach. This particular body of water had a widespread reputation as a UFO hotspot and several witnesses revealed that they believed there was an underwater UFO base there.

To many of the local UFO researchers, these sightings were no surprise.

**From Ann Druffel:** "This body of water lies between the coastlines of Southern California and Santa Catalina Island, 20 miles offshore to the southwest. The area has for at least thirty years been the scene of UFO reports of all kinds: surface sightings of hazy craft which cruise leisurely in full view of military installations, aerial spheres bobbing in oscillating flight, gigantic cloud-cigars, and at least one report of an underwater UFO with uniformed occupants."

Another researcher, **Robert Stanley**, writes: "Even in the sixties, families were going down to the beach and waiting for a UFO to pass by.... By the 1970s, whole families were going down to the beach at Point Dume at night to watch the multi-colored UFOs that would sink under the water at times."

MUFON field investigator **Bill Hamilton** writes: "For years witnesses have seen many types of UFO cruising off the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Southern California. UFOs have actually been seen to come out of the water in the San Pedro Channel."

Another researcher put together a comprehensive list of all the recorded ocean-going encounters in the area. He came up with



more than 50 sightings. These cases were categorized into different types.

### Coastal Sightings

The first and most common type are cases that take place over the coastline. In these cases, people see UFOs either from the shoreline or while they are out at sea. What follows are several typical cases.

1953: Engineer **Frederick Hehr** and several others are on Santa Monica beach when they observe a “squadron of saucers” performing maneuvers in the daylight sky over the bay. Later that day, the objects return and perform more maneuvers for a period of about ten minutes.

**July 10, 1955:** Around 11:00 a.m., several fishermen off the coast of Newport Beach observe a bluish-silver, cigar-shaped object flying overhead at a “moderate speed and medium altitude.” Two and a half hours later, a Washington family of three are sailing 13 miles off the coast of Newport Beach on their way to Catalina Island when they observe a “perfectly round, gray-white” craft about 2,500 feet above their boat. When the object maintains its position over their boat, they radio the Coast Guard, which sends out a plane. The object darts away before the plane arrives.

**November 6, 1957:** Early morning in Playa Del Rey, three cars driving along the Pacific Coast Highway suddenly stall when a large “egg-shaped object” surrounded in a “blue haze” lands on the beach only a few yards away.

Witnesses **Richard Kehoe, Ronald Burke, and Joe Thomas** exit their cars and observe two strange-looking men disembarking from the object. After a few moments, the figures return to the object, which takes off and accelerates out of sight.

That same day at 3:50 p.m., an officer and 12 airmen from an Air Force detachment in nearby Long Beach observe six saucer-shaped objects zooming across the sky. Two hours later, officers at Los

Alamitos Naval Air Station report seeing “numerous” objects crisscrossing the sky. At the same time, police stations in Long Beach received more than 100 calls from residents reporting UFOs.

**December 1957:** The crew of the British steamship Ramsey observes a large metallic gray disk with antenna-like projections off the coast of San Pedro. One of the crewmen grabs his camera and captures a blurry photo of the object before it moves away.

**1960:** Actor **Chad Everett** and two friends are on the rooftop of his Beverly Hills home one night when they observe a lighted object moving back and forth at high speeds over the nearby ocean. Because the object moves so quickly and at right angles, the witnesses are convinced it is a genuine UFO.

**1970:** As investigated by **Bill Hamilton**, an anonymous gentleman sailing from Catalina Island to San Pedro Harbor observes a metallic saucer with four “hemispherical pods” underneath it flying only a few hundred feet above his boat.

**May 1973:** Art director **George Gray** observes an object sending down a beam of light while driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica in the pre-dawn hours: “The UFO was over where the beach was...hovering I would say maybe a hundred, two hundred feet in the air. It was silver. It was your basic UFO...it was definitely completely metallic with a silver dome on top and a silver dome on the bottom of it, like two plates put together. And it had little lights around it.” Gray is able to bring in additional witnesses before the object moves away.

**Summer 1988:** Professional photographer **Kim Carlsberg** observes a darting, star-like object while relaxing in her Malibu beachfront home. Suddenly, the object moves directly toward her. “The brilliant point of light advanced until it became a luminous sphere some fifty feet in diameter,” reports Carlsberg. “It ominously hung in the air a hundred feet from my window...the apparent standoff lasted no more than a minute before the sphere departed as quickly as it

appeared. It tore away diagonally through the night sky and vanished."

**Summer 1990:** Private pilot **Toshi Inouye** and his student observe a large, red, glowing cigar-shaped object hovering near their plane as they fly over the Santa Monica Bay in the late afternoon. "It was standing still in the air, glowing red," says Inouye. "We were kind of stunned. We didn't know what to do." Inouye considers calling the nearby airport control tower when the object suddenly darts away.

**May 4, 1990:** Early in the morning, two Malibu surfers are lying on their surfboards waiting for the next wave when they observe a "brushed aluminum saucer with a bump in the middle [which] approached the shoreline from out of the fog bank sitting about a mile offshore." The object darts back and forth then moves back out to sea.

**1998:** Adam and Mario (military private) are driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu when they see six black, diamond-shaped objects darting at high speed up and down the coast. The two men are so impressed by the brief sighting that they spend the next hour driving up and down the coast hoping for a repeat appearance. While they don't see any more UFOs, they do find other UFO watchers. Says Adam, "We did come across a couple of people who were just sitting in their lawn chairs along the road. I don't know if this has anything to do with it, but they were just sitting there along the side of the road, just looking up."

**January 3, 2004: Young Chyren** is standing along the Santa Monica coast at midday when he observes a metallic, saucer-shaped craft hovering only a few thousand feet directly above a small yacht less than a mile out at sea. He quickly grabs his camera and snaps a photograph.

### Into the Ocean

From the reports cited above, it should be clear that UFOs are witnessed over this coastal area in disproportionately large numbers. In most cases, they are observed a few thousand feet or less above

the surface of the ocean. It is therefore plausible to speculate that these craft may be traveling into and out of this body of water.

As we shall see, the next category involves UFOs that have been observed doing exactly that. These much rarer cases provide further evidence of an underwater UFO base off the California coast.

**November 21, 1951:** As reported by researcher **Harold Wilkins**, several witnesses observe “an unidentified burning object” descending into the ocean somewhere off the coast of California.

**August 8, 1954:** The Japanese steamship Aiki is off the coast of Long Beach when several members of the crew observe an underwater UFO. As the intercepted radio message from the ship reads, “Saw fireball move in and out of sea without being doused. Left wake of white smoke; course erratic; vanished from sight.”

**1955:** Residents from the northern California coastal town of Santa Maria observe a “long silvery object” emerging from the ocean and taking off into space.

January 15, 1956 (Evening): Residents of Redondo Beach report seeing a large, glowing object glide down out of the sky and float on the surface of the ocean about 75 yards offshore.

Dozens of witnesses converge on the scene, including a local night watchman, Redondo Beach lifeguards, and police officers from adjacent Hermosa Beach. As the crowd gathers, the water around the object starts to “froth” and the UFO sinks beneath the surface. The glow of the object, however, remains so intense that it can still be seen.

Police officers radio for assistance and divers are brought in to investigate. Unfortunately, by the time the divers arrive, the object is gone. Another police officer tests the area with a Geiger counter, which fails to register any radiation. Another search the next day also yields no results.

**February 9, 1956:** Military personnel observe a fireball descending into the ocean off the coast of Redondo Beach. One year later, UFO researcher **Leonard Stringfield** obtains an official report on the incident, which says only: "Fireball hits the water. Submerges."

**July 28, 1962:** The captain of a chartered fishing boat notices lights floating in a stationary position in the water about six miles south of Catalina Island. Upon closer observation, the captain is startled to see what he assumes at first is a Russian sub: "It appeared to be the stern of a submarine," he says. "We could see five men, two in white garb, two in dark trousers and white shirts, and one in a sky-blue jumpsuit. We passed abeam at about a quarter mile and I was certain it was a submarine low in the water, steel gray, no markings, decks almost awash, with only its tail and an odd aft-structure showing."

Suddenly the submarine heads straight for the fishing boat as if to ram it. The captain makes an emergency turn as the sub moves past them at high speed, emitting no noise and leaving no wake except for a "good-sized swell." The captain contacts the navy, which is unable to positively identify the sub.

UFO researchers **Coral and Jim Lorenzen** hear about the case and speculate that it may have been a UFO and not a submarine: "The high speed, lack of wake and sound, and the huge swell make this object suspect." One might also mention the odd shape of the submarine itself, its lack of fear of observation, and its aggressive maneuvering.

**February 5, 1964:** Eleven passengers are rescued by the Coast Guard from their emergency raft following the unexplained sinking of their yacht, the Hattie D. The crew was sailing south down the coast of California from Seattle, Washington when their yacht either struck or was rammed by an unidentified "metal object." Crewman Carl Jansen says, "I don't care how deep it was...what holed us was steel and a long piece. There was no give at all."

**December 2, 1965: Mrs. Irwin Cohen** and her son observe a glowing red object descending into the sea off San Pedro, setting off a large cloud of steam. As the object descends, the witnesses snap a few photos. They wonder if they witnessed a Navy missile or some other unknown object.

**October 1968: George Hiner** is fishing in his boat off the eastern end of Catalina Island when he spots a “white-domed shaped object” through his binoculars. As he watches, the object rises ten feet above the surface of the water, then descends and rises again. He notices a strange parachute-like device beneath the object, which gently descends and then sinks beneath the waves.

**June 1980:** Therapist **Linda Susan Young** and a friend are driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica at night when Young observes an unusually bright light floating in place several miles out to sea. Young was puzzled by its appearance and turned to tell her friend: “I said to the guy with me, ‘What do you suppose this is?’ And he turned around and looked at it. And he only saw it for a second when it just shot straight up in the air and blinked out. It didn’t look like it went far enough to disappear from view, like a distance. It just sort of stopped. It just stopped being there...I have always assumed it was a UFO.”

**1980s:** An anonymous gentleman (a senior electronics engineer) sailing on a foggy day between Santa Barbara Island and Santa Cruz Island observes a “fluorescent green colored light” ahead of him in the mist. Thinking it was another ship using bright lights to navigate the fog, he stops and waits for it to pass. As it approaches, however, he is still unable to distinguish any detail. When it is a quarter mile away and heading directly toward him, the witness discovers why: “I finally realized that this dumb thing was underwater...I’m guessing it was—I don’t know—maybe 300 feet in diameter, but I couldn’t get any vertical dimension on it because it was under me in the water. It literally passed directly underneath me.”

The witness is sailing a fully equipped, 38-foot sailboat. As the object passes beneath him, he takes several readings from the depth sounder, determining that the object is about 100 feet deep. At this point, both depth sounders quit functioning. The witness checks his compasses. "All three of them were slowly rotating and I wasn't...I tried calling the Coast Guard and the radio was dead."

The object moves away and disappears, leaving the witness badly frightened. A later check on his equipment reveals that all the compass mountings were broken. Says the witness of the incident, "It was weird. I was just too damned petrified to move."

### Underwater Lights

**1990:** According to investigator **Bill Hamilton**, starting in late 1989 numerous witnesses in Marina Del Rey begin to have repeated encounters with "strange blue-green lights in the water." As Hamilton writes, "In 1989 and again in 1990, witnesses have seen as many as twenty events an hour. One large light appeared to be as much as 100 feet in diameter. This large light spawned babies no larger than 10 to 12 feet in length. These lights were seen to move swiftly under the ocean's surface some 500 to 1000 feet from the coastline in Abalone Cove...one of the lights was reported to have emerged from the water."

**Spring 1991:** In the early morning hours, Tony X. looks out the window of his Malibu beachfront home and observes a brilliantly lit object floating on the ocean's surface about two miles away. "It looked like a big prism," says Tony, "kind of various colors out there. I got a telescope out there and looked at it." After a few hours, the light winks out.

Two years later, in **January 1993**, the object returns. "I got the telescope out and looked at it, and it was the same kind of thing...the colors seemed so pure for lack of a better word. They seemed really coherent." Tony calls up the Coast Guard, but they deny having any information.



**May 5, 1992:** Two friends walking along Malibu Beach observe a “sort of light/fireball” descend from the sky and into the ocean. Says one witness, “It was going at an incredible speed and it was less than a mile away. It looked like it hit the ocean.... Once the object made its way to the ocean’s surface, it disappeared, so my guess is that it went underwater.”

**1994:** Two men walking near the coast of Rancho Palos Verdes at night see several “glowing disks” floating in the water. One of the witnesses returns at a later date and sees the disks again. On this occasion, he observes several black helicopters in the area. Later, he is confronted by unnamed individuals (men in black?) who tell him in no uncertain terms that this area, off Abalone Cove, is off-limits.

**January 11, 2002:** An anonymous gentleman camping along the coast at Point Mugu sees a light moving back and forth 100 feet above the water, and two other lights beneath the surface of the sea. The objects dart back and forth in tandem for 30 minutes (moving unlike any plane or helicopter), giving the witness the impression that they are searching for something. Afterward, the light in the sky accelerates out of sight and the two objects in the water dive down and disappear.

### Inside the Base

So much underwater UFO activity in one place is undeniably unusual and strongly points to the possibility that there is an underwater UFO base somewhere in this area. While the above reports alone provide considerable evidence, further confirmation of this possibility comes from another source.

Not only is there an unusually large number of sightings, landings, and ocean-going UFOs here, there are also cases of abductions. Normally, when somebody reports being abducted by aliens, they claim to have been taken inside a UFO. However, in this particular area, some abductees report that they have been taken to what is apparently an underground base. Could it be that these witnesses

were taken into the underwater base in the Santa Catalina channel?

**1967:** Two 11-year-old boys experience an episode of missing time while on their parents' boat in Avalon Harbor, Catalina Island. Years later, one of the witnesses, Paul Nelson (pseudonym) goes under hypnosis and recalls that he and his friend were abducted to an apparently underground base where they were examined by praying-mantis-type ETs: "I was taken into a round-walled room. It seemed to me more underground than it did onboard a ship. The walls had kind of a rock-like facet to them...rock-like walls rather than craft-type walls. It gave the impression that I was in a cavern [rather] than a ship...it was more of an underground feeling...."

Following the examination, the boys are returned to the boat with no conscious memory of the abduction.

**Early 1990s:** As recounted in her autobiographical book *Beyond My Wildest Dreams*, **Kim Carlsberg** experiences a series of UFO abductions from her Malibu home starting in the early 1990s. On each occasion, she is examined by Grey or praying-mantis-type ETs.

On **August 30, 1992**, Carlsberg recalls being taken to what appears to be a vast underground complex where she sees many other abductees and ETs of various types. "...I woke up in a lobby where many humans were milling around. They reminded me of patients waiting to endure their turns in a dentist's chair." Carlsberg also recalled sitting in a large "auditorium" with many other abductees where she was told by the ETs that she was being "prepared for something."

### Hundreds of UFOs

A final piece of evidence for an underwater or underground base comes from the Topanga Canyon UFO wave of 1992 through '94.

Topanga Canyon has been a UFO hotspot for more than 50 years. However, on the night of **June 14, 1992**, hundreds of unidentified

craft were seen in the canyon, which is situated along the Southern California coast. Seventeen adult witnesses have independently reported seeing UFOs on that evening. One couple, who live high on a ridge overlooking the ocean, observed approximately 200 craft rising up, one by one, from behind the ridge east of them, and then moving to various locations in the canyon. As one of the witnesses said, "You know when you watch something for a while...you can figure out where they're coming from? After watching them, you got the feeling that they were going all over this area from that certain spot right there."

That certain spot is the same location where so many underwater UFOs have been seen. And what makes this particular sighting so important is that the objects were not seen coming from above. Instead, these 200 craft came from below, either underground or underwater. Where else could so many UFOs come from except for some kind of base?

### Conclusions

As can be seen, the evidence is pretty strong that there is an underwater UFO base in the Santa Catalina channel. Hundreds of UFOs have been seen in the area. A significant portion of these cases involve objects going into and out of the water. And there are cases where people have apparently been taken inside this very base.

It's hard to say exactly where this base is, but judging from the geographic distribution of encounters, the highest density of cases is along the Santa Catalina channel. It would have to be very deep to avoid detection.

The size of the base is again a matter of speculation, but because of the large number of UFOs that have been seen at one time and from the reports of the abductees, it seems safe to assume that this base is extremely large, perhaps the size of several city blocks or more.

How long has this base been here?

The modern age of UFOs began in **1947** when a huge wave of sightings swept across the United States and the world. This was the year of the famous **Kenneth Arnold sighting** and the alleged UFO crash at Roswell. That year also featured a strange mystery off the California coast.

It began on **July 7, 1947**, just days after the Roswell crash. At 3:10 p.m., two teenagers walking along the beach at San Raphael watched as a “flat, glistening object” emerged from the ocean, flew for a short distance, then dove back into the water 400 yards from shore.

One month later, in **August 1947**, the Coast Guard received reports of a “strange flaming object,” which fell into the sea.

Following this incident, steamers going into and out of San Francisco Bay encountered an “undersea mountain” that appeared and disappeared in various locations in the bay. Several ships reported the mysterious mass, calling it a “reef” or “submarine mountain” that had apparently appeared overnight. Another ship reported “a large mass under water, off the Golden Gate.” Following that, the mass disappeared.

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## **UFO Encounter With F/A-18s**

### **Department of Defense Releases Footage:**

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In 2004, Navy F/A-18 Super Hornets were called in to investigate a UFO encounter by the USS Princeton (CG-59), Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser off the Southern California coast.

This amazing story has as the pilots came forward to tell their tale, and this footage was even unofficially leaked as well, but it was written off by the public as another likely hoax. However, the Department of Defense not only just acknowledged that the event took place, but they released F/A-18 FLIR footage of the encounter as well!

I believe that this is the first time that the US Government has ever released official footage of a UFO encounter.

The Princeton had been using their advanced AN/SPY-1 radar to successfully track mysterious aircraft in the days leading up this encounter. Strangely, the object(s) would appear unexpectedly at 80,000 feet and would then plummet toward the ocean, where it would instantly stop and hover at 50 feet for an undisclosed amount of time. The object would then shoot off with seemingly physically impossible speeds while making seemingly physically impossible turns.

When the Super Hornets arrived at the scene, they weren't picking anything up on radar, but then saw an object, described as a white oval aircraft, approximately 40 feet across, jumping around erratically while hovering 50 feet off the surface of the ocean. Directly under the craft, "waves were breaking over something that was just below the surface. Whatever it was, it was big enough to cause the sea to churn."

The pilots moved in for a closer look, and that is when the object seemed to notice them. At that point, it sped off at incredible

speeds. In just a few minutes, the object then incredibly reappeared on radar... 40 miles away at the Super Hornets' rally point. By the time the fighter jets made it there, the UFO disappeared. The flight crew was now low on fuel and had to return to base.

They met up with the next crew of pilots who were going to conduct a very similar training mission in the same area, warned them of the UFO encounter, and told them to record the action. This second batch of fighters had more advanced targeting equipment and as they neared their objective, they picked up the unexplained objects.

Suddenly, multiple objects were detected by the aircrafts' AN/ASQ-228 Advanced Targeting Forward-Looking Infrared (ATFLIR) multi-sensor targeting pods.

In the F/A-18 footage released by the Department of Defense, you can see the UFO rotating and emitting some sort of thermal signature, yet the Anomalous Aerial Vehicle (AAV) showed no signs of propulsion from a jet engine or propeller. At the end of the second video, the object can be seen accelerating so fast, the targeting computer is no longer able to track it.

The unexplained UFO encounter, now acknowledged by our own government, suggests there is an entity out there with technology so advanced, our conventional military cannot effectively confront it, at least according to what they're willing to admit.

The following four photos are from the actual F/A-18 FLIR footage of the UFO encounter as released by the government:







## Interview with those involved in UFO Encounter With F/A-18s

As if all this evidence so far isn't amazing enough, we now have actual interviews with the military personnel involved!

Cmdr. David Fravor and Lt. Cmdr. Jim Slaight were on a routine training mission 100 miles out into the Pacific when the radio in each of their F/A-18F Super Hornets crackled: An operations officer aboard the U.S.S. Princeton, a Navy cruiser, wanted to know if they were carrying weapons.

"Two CATM-9s," Commander Fravor replied, referring to dummy missiles that could not be fired. He had not been expecting any hostile exchanges off the coast that November afternoon in 2004.

Commander Fravor, in a recent interview with The New York Times, recalled what happened next. Some of it is captured in a video made public by officials with a Pentagon program that investigated U.F.O.s.

"Well, we've got a real-world vector for you," the radio operator said, according to Commander Fravor. For two weeks, the operator said, the Princeton had been tracking mysterious aircraft. The objects appeared suddenly at 80,000 feet, and then hurtled toward the sea, eventually stopping at 20,000 feet and hovering. Then they either dropped out of radar range or shot straight back up.

The radio operator instructed Commander Fravor and Commander Slaight, who has given a similar account, to investigate.

The two fighter planes headed toward the objects. The Princeton alerted them as they closed in, but when they arrived at "merge plot" with the object — naval aviation parlance for being so close that the Princeton could not tell which were the objects and which were the fighter jets — neither Commander Fravor nor Commander Slaight could see anything at first. There was nothing on their radars, either.

Then, Commander Fravor looked down to the sea. It was calm that day, but the waves were breaking over something that was just below the surface. Whatever it was, it was big enough to cause the sea to churn.

Hovering 50 feet above the churn was an aircraft of some kind — whitish — that was around 40 feet long and oval in shape. The craft was jumping around erratically, staying over the wave disturbance but not moving in any specific direction, Commander Fravor said. The disturbance looked like frothy waves and foam as if the water were boiling.

Commander Fravor began a circular descent to get a closer look, but as he got nearer the object began ascending toward him. It was almost as if it were coming to meet him halfway, he said.

Commander Fravor abandoned his slow circular descent and headed straight for the object.

But then the object peeled away. “It accelerated like nothing I’ve ever seen,” he said in the interview. He was, he said, “pretty weirded out.”

The two fighter jets then conferred with the operations officer on the Princeton and were told to head to a rendezvous point 60 miles away, called the cap point, in aviation parlance.

They were en route and closing in when the Princeton radioed again. Radar had again picked up the strange aircraft.

“Sir, you won’t believe it,” the radio operator said, “but that thing is at your cap point.”

“We were at least 40 miles away, and in less than a minute this thing was already at our cap point,” Commander Fravor, who has since retired from the Navy, said in the interview.

By the time the two fighter jets arrived at the rendezvous point, the object had disappeared.

The fighter jets returned to the Nimitz, where everyone on the ship had learned of Commander Fravor's encounter and was making fun of him.

Commander Fravor's superiors did not investigate further and he went on with his career, deploying to the Persian Gulf to provide air support to ground troops during the Iraq war. But he does remember what he said that evening to a fellow pilot who asked him what he thought he had seen.

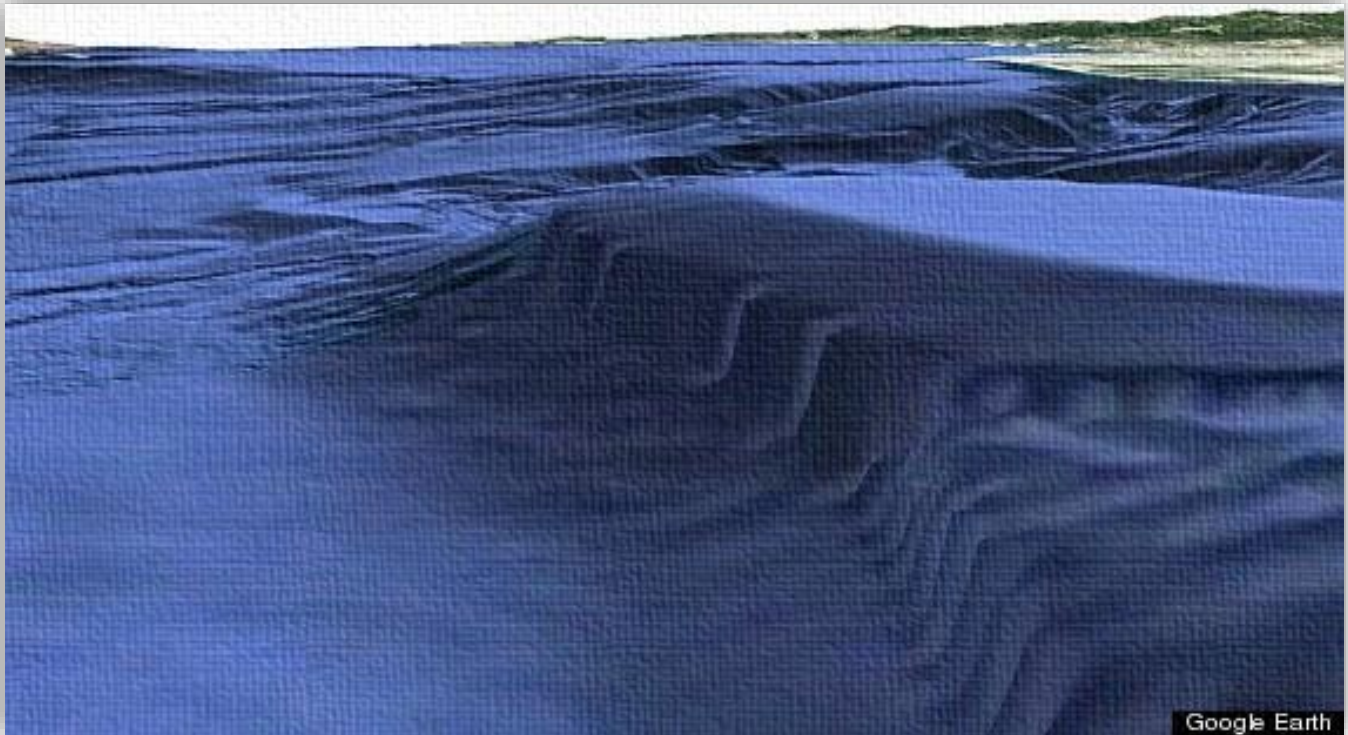
"I have no idea what I saw," Commander Fravor replied to the pilot. "It had no plumes, wings or rotors and outran our F-18s."

But, he added, "I want to fly one."

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## The Malibu Underwater 'Alien Base' is it for real?

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### Google Earth image showing something odd, underwater off the coast of Malibu

A little more than 6 miles off the coast of Point Dume in Malibu, California, an unusual-looking structure sits on the seabed floor. Based on images obtained on Google Earth, the oval-shaped object has a huge flat top and what appear to be pillars or columns that seem to reveal the entrance to a darker, inner place.

The anomaly is approximately 2,000 feet below the surface of the water, measuring nearly 3 miles wide. What exactly is this?

According to the website of a California-based radio program, "Fade to Black," this may be "the Holy Grail of UFO/USO [unidentified submerged objects]" that researchers have been looking for over the last 40 years. "My first impression was that it was Greek, it looked artificial and didn't look natural."

“When you’re looking at it from above, it’s a nearly perfect oval shape,” Church continued. “In the natural surroundings, nothing is symmetrical. Everything is eroded and covered in rocks and sloping and peaking, and right here, for 2 miles, it is a perfect oval with a black separation or outline to it.

“It just stands out that it has to be some type of roof. It’s not unlike a domed stadium or a covered indoor race track or an Olympic arena — it’s got that feel to it. It looks like a perfect oval manmade structure sitting on a construction site.”

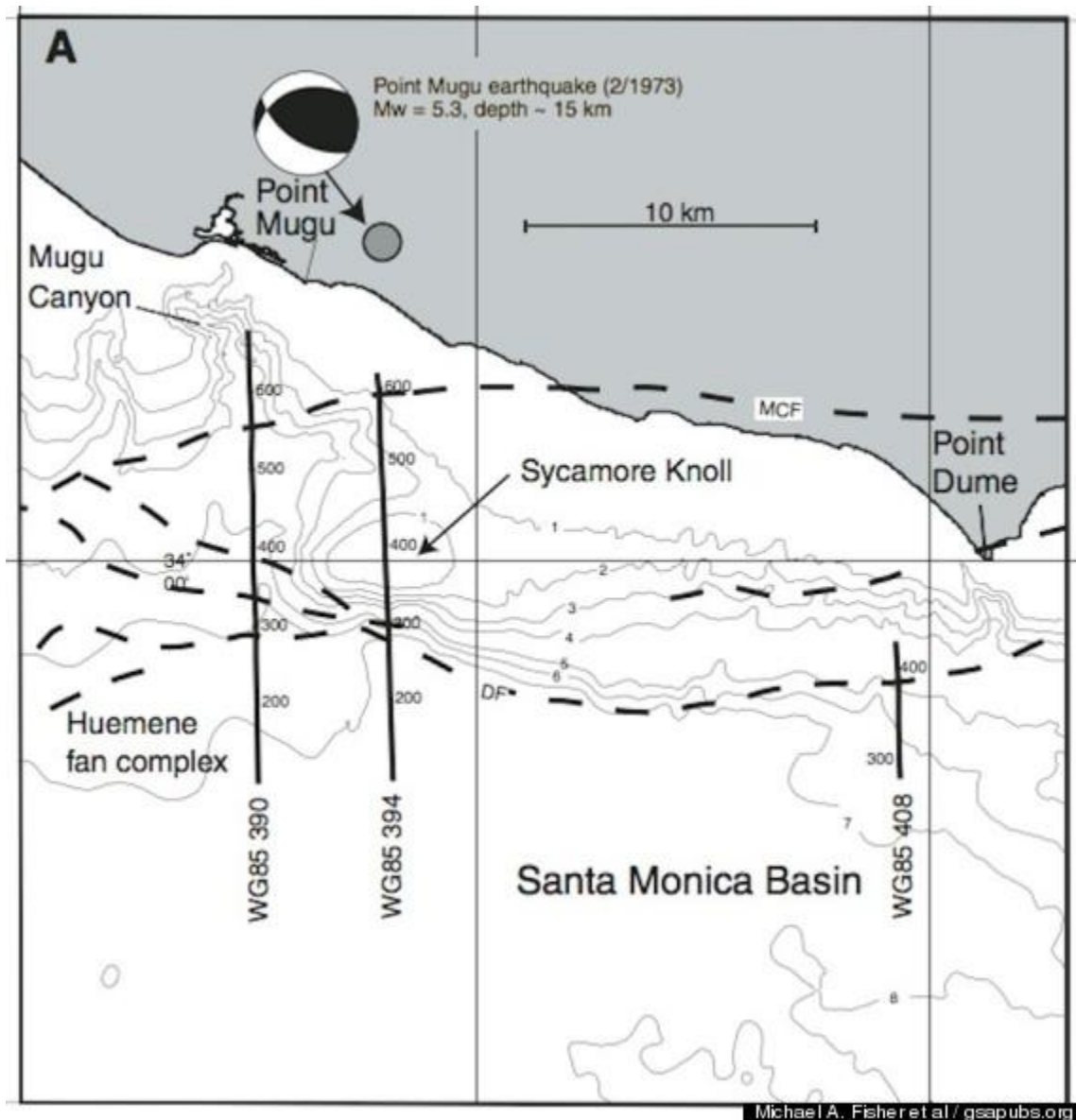
You can discover this for yourself using the [Google Earth](#) coordinates — which are 34° 1’23.31”N 118° 59’45.64”W.

But not everyone agrees that this is something special. According to geologist David Schwartz of the U.S. Geological Survey:

“I think it’s natural and is a part of the continental shelf, It’s just a complicated part of what’s now offshore that has seen some erosion and, maybe, slumping when perhaps this was partially exposed when sea level was lower. This is a really major earthquake area and perhaps some of these features are a result of slope failures, due to shaking.

“There’s no flag under the water that says: ‘I’m the entrance to an alien base.’ There’s nothing unnatural-looking about it — it’s just showing some sort of variation in the offshore coastal morphology,” Schwartz said.

The following image is from that paper. If you look to the left of the middle of the illustration, you can clearly see the oval-shaped “anomaly” some refer to as an underwater UFO base. But geologist refer to as “Sycamore Knoll” as you will see on the chart on the next page.



“This is interpreted as a thrust fault,” Schwartz said, “meaning one side of the crust moves up over the other — and what we’re looking at is interpreted as being the surface expression of this Dume thrust, which is part of a large fault system in Southern California.”

HuffPost reached out to John Anthony West, an independent Egyptologist, who won an Emmy award for his research for the 1993 NBC documentary, “Mystery of the Sphinx,” in which he and geologist Robert Schoch presented evidence that the Great Sphinx of Giza may be thousands of years older than previously thought.

West examined the images of the Malibu underwater object.

“The pictures are a bit misleading in that it looks as though it’s on the shore,” West told HuffPost. “My first reaction — knowing that it was 2,000 feet under the water — was that, under no circumstances could it, in fact, be artificial, manmade. And I have enough experience, looking at geology and distinguishing between what could perhaps be artificial, and then there’s sort of a gray area in-between. As far as I’m concerned, there’s no gray area.”

West says he’s inclined to go along with the geological explanation.

“It doesn’t look at all manmade. It has what look like pillars there, but they’re unevenly spaced and then, to the right, you see other seemingly pillars still attached, actually, to the bedrock, in the process of forming.”

And yet, West acknowledges Unidentified Flying Objects.

“I’m convinced that UFOs are a reality — there’s too much evidence out there. Beyond that, we don’t know anything. We don’t know who they are, why they’re here, [or] how much of this stuff is our own government. A point beyond that is that anything that isn’t explained or that can’t be explained by current scientific methods, automatically it’s aliens. It’s the explanation of last resort, and I just don’t buy that.”

Also weighing in on the Malibu mystery is former FBI Special Agent Ben Hansen, who has an extensive background investigating and analyzing questionable pictures and videos:

“The dark areas that people are saying look like the inside of the base really starts to look just like shading of indentations to the shelf, and the ‘pillars’ are now represented as jagged ridges.”

Hansen cautions about how we interpret things we see on Google Earth.

“Google obtains their underwater data from several different sources, including satellite radar and echo sonar from the Navy, NOAA, NASA and other agencies. Because they often use very different technologies, the derived information isn’t always going to agree. When it doesn’t, Google relies on its automatic 3D auto-generation programs to make sense of it.

“We’re dealing with limited information to render the graphic because we can see it evidenced in the disparity of image quality between the anomaly and the areas immediately surrounding it,” Hansen added. “The blurry sections and jagged edges obviously suggest a patchwork of image processing has taken place.”

West concedes the possibility that this object could be an entrance of sorts, in the same way, that the action of moving water can form caves below the surface.

In the end, we’re left with a variety of theories to explain the Malibu anomaly, a.k.a. Sycamore Knoll. Will the UFO-alien-underwater-base proponents be eventually proven right, leaving geologists in the deep blue dust, scratching their heads and wondering how they got it wrong?





### **Anomaly off the coast of San Clemente Island**

Now to make this even more confusing is the above screenshot from Google Earth showing what appears to be exactly the same structure (or close to exact anyway) as the one at Malibu, but it is located a number of miles away off of San Clemente Island!

Does this show that it is naturally forming object there is more than one? Or does it prove that it is manmade because very similar objects are not created in nature, nature loves randomness!

Also interesting is that off Malibu, which is in the Point Dume area, is an active UFO area just as is where the other anomaly is located, in the San Clemente, Catalina Island area.

Interestingly, Point Dume shows us throughout this book as a key area for UFOs, with them passing over it, originating from it and going down or disappearing in the location! This just may be the key to all the UFO mysteries in Southern California!

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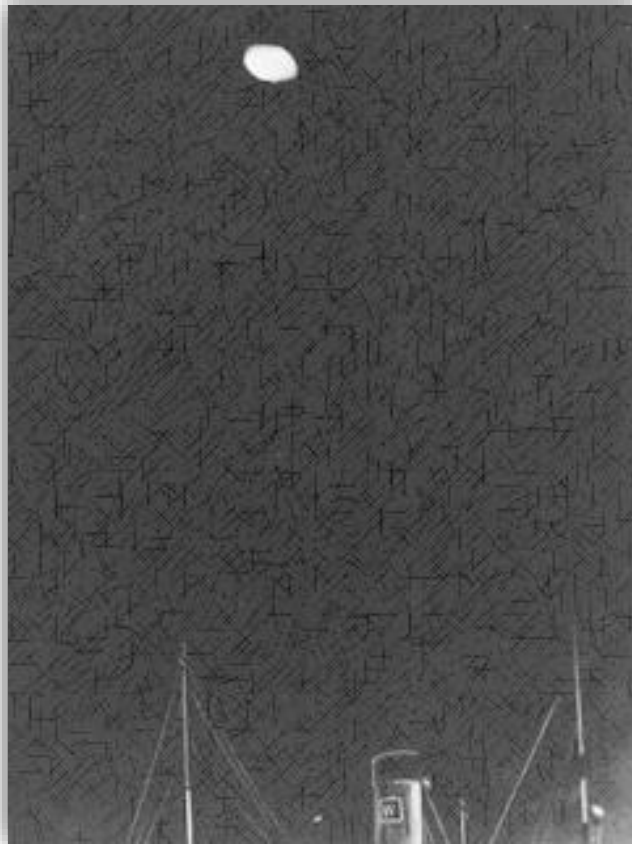
## Catalina Island and the UFO Mystery

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This photograph was taken on July 9, 1947 in Catalina Island, California.

This is the original caption to the photograph:

"7/9/1947 - Avalon, Catalina Island - Three Army Air Force veterans reported six flying discs over Catalan Island, and former aerial photographer, Bob Jung said he succeeded in photographing one of the objects. Photo is that which Jung says he took of one of the discs which passed over the Island. Masts and stack of steamer are seen at the bottom."



Just recently, the National Archives released all, or most, of the documents related to the U.S. Air Force's infamous "Project Blue Book." And, yes, there are a number of Catalina sightings located within.

### 1949 Sighting

The most intriguing of the Catalina reports, however, comes from a sighting in 1949.

On April 28, 1949, an unnamed civilian from Boise, Idaho, (the man's name was redacted) was visiting Catalina and made the following report:

"About 8 o'clock on the night of April 28th, my wife and a school teacher saw six objects in the sky, not in a group, but singly.

"A few minutes later after going to my daughter's home, on the next street and corresponding block, she and my daughter and my grandson saw four more. All traveling in the same direction."

The gentleman then quaintly concludes his hand-written report by saying, "If you are still interested in flying discs, saucers, etc., please let me know and I will write more in full."

There's no indication that the Air Force took him up on his offer of more information and the official conclusion for "Project 10073," as this sighting was labeled, states "Insufficient data for evaluation."

What's most interesting about this sighting is its eerie similarity to a sighting in Avalon only two years earlier; a sighting that for whatever reason is not included in the Project Blue Book database or was never investigated by the Air Force.

It was on a bright, sunny July afternoon in 1947 that a number of people on Catalina watched in astonishment as two groups of three

“flying discs” soared over Avalon only to disappear over the vast Pacific.

The date was July 8, 1947, the exact same day that the U.S. Army reported the crash of a “flying saucer” at the Roswell Army Air Field in New Mexico.

The following edition of this very newspaper, the Catalina Islander, featured their accounts on the front page.

That article in the Catalina Islander recounts the eyewitness reports of three experienced Air Force veterans, all of whom had been in the war.

One of these men, who reportedly had flown more than 35 bombing missions over Germany with the Eighth Air Force, estimated that the airborne vehicles were traveling at 850 miles per hour. According to Alvio Russo, the discs came in from the direction of Los Angeles and disappeared over the eastern rim of Avalon Canyon.

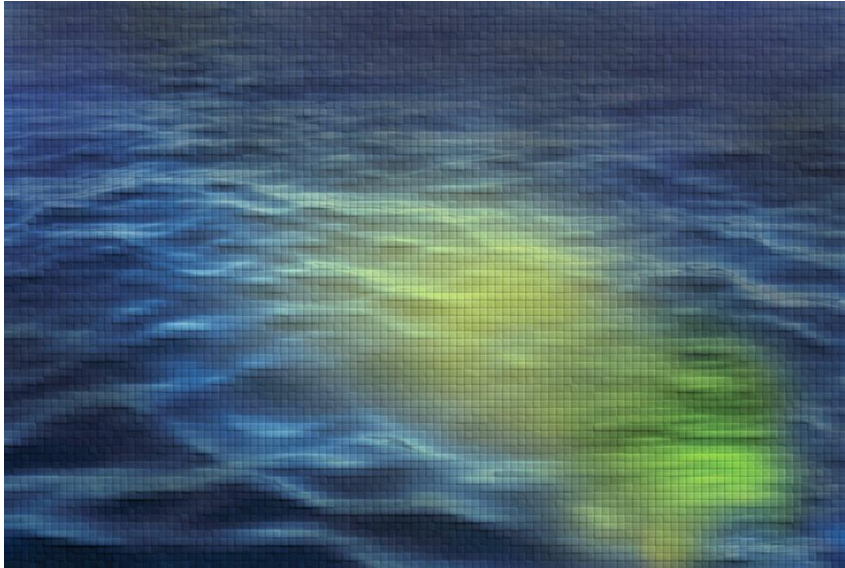
On top of that, there was a rash of similar sightings around the nation as far north as Washington State on that date and in the days following the Roswell Incident, many of which can be found in the Project Blue Book database.

### Underwater UFO incident

A California witness at Avalon Harbor recalled an encounter from 1982 with an underwater UFO as the family sailed to Catalina, according to testimony in Case 72642 from the Mutual UFO Network witness reporting database.

The event occurred on June 15, 1982.

“My stepfather and mother loved sailing in the 1980s,” the witness stated. “He owned a construction company and made good



money. We would rent a sailboat for the weekend and sail to Catalina where my grandmother had a clothing store on the island. We sail over there many times."

But the family had an odd encounter one evening when

the witness, his stepfather and mother were sailing to Catalina.

"Around 8 p.m. my mother yells to my stepdad to look over the port side and asked what is that? I looked and saw a huge lighted object moving fast under the water. My mother was very scared and went below."

The witnesses' stepfather did not know what the object was either.

He was in the navy for years and sailed all over the world and knows ships and subs. It lasted around five minutes just going from one side and then the next in a crisscross pattern."

The family steered away from the object.

"We sailed west moving away from it as it moved east. I never told anyone about this nor do we talk about it. My stepbrother is in the navy and worked on an LA class sub. We talked one night and he said just forget it and to not go there. I saw your show and had to write. The object was 50 feet in a circle and bright as more watts I have ever seen. I am an electrician and work on lighting and this thing was bright and gave off heat. My parents stopped sailing after that summer. I live less than 20 miles from the area and still think about it all the time. A very strange situation to be in."



## Paranormal Investigator and diver ROBERT REPERT on the Island

The ocean was strange that day, beginning about 12 miles out to sea, unaccountable ripples with no consistency and large patches of water so smooth you would think you were in a bathtub. And then the large waves of undetermined origin would appear seemingly out of nowhere, some starting from beside the boat and some as far in the distance as two miles. They caved and cavorted. And then everything was smooth again.

I am a seasoned traveler to Catalina Island and this was clearly strange behavior for the sea. Very strange indeed. Word was out once again in the media this February day in 2009, reported strange UFO's in the ocean around Catalina Island, something that crops up every now and then. The rumors had been flying for years. Of course I had heard them, even been on productive investigations in New York, New Jersey and the Everglades for just such phenomena. But I had never experienced the phenomena spoken about between Dana Point or Long Beach, (the mainland where most folks board a ferry or boat to the island), and Catalina, 26 miles out to sea.

Everyone has heard of UFO's, but sadly there is not as much coverage or information out there that addresses the fact that the sea holds secrets considered UNIDENTIFIED UNDERWATER SUBMERSIBLE OBJECTS. Thoughts of this phenomena go to two camps ~ one is that the U.S. government has strange experimental aircraft that goes effortlessly into the sea, and the other is that UFO'S from other planets, strange and unknown yet so much more advanced than our own technology, not only invade our airspace but our sea as well. Some research suggests that many airborne UFO aircraft, when detected, make a quick retreat into the ocean. There are of course a number of other theories and scenarios, but these are the most common. And they appear to be most prevalent in the U.S. along the shores of New York and New Jersey and in Southern California. One such place that has gotten our attention for such activity since the early 1960s is Catalina Island. As a seasoned paranormal investigator with GOLD RUSH GHOSTS and host of the

television show INVESTIGATING THE UNKNOWN WITH GOLD RUSH GHOSTS PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS my cackles go up with such stories, and now heightened with these strange happenings at sea.

We docked and thanked our captain and crew as always, grabbed our luggage and gear and made our way to our favorite hotel. It is beautiful, the water just a few steps from our door. After settling in, we walked to the local restaurant for a bite and to discuss what we had seen. Several of the 'locals' who overheard our conversation asked to join us at our table anxious to relate their own stories. "Late at night we see lights going into the bay about a mile out," one gentleman told us, others shaking their heads in agreement.

The waitress chimed in, "One night there was a naval ship just offshore patrolling. This is not uncommon. But what I saw that was strange was what went on behind them. Large-scale triangle objects, three of them, crafts, floating above the ship. And then, after circling, they made a quick retreat into the sea.



I noticed several small boats showing up shortly after this event with lights around it making circles in the area, looking for what had happened. It is all so strange." A man who has lived most of his life on the island told us "Generally they are white those crafts," he said. "And when they hit the water they turn a light blue. I know because they are fluorescent, and you can see them for a short time going down into the water." It was suggested that the most USSO sightings are on this side of the island, Avalon. GOOD!

### UFOs reside in Avalon waters:

Catalina Island is known as a boating destination for a quintessential relaxing weekend getaway where boaters can lounge on the deck while taking in the sights. However, there is more to see than the harbor's crystal blue waters as one sailor reported a UFO sighting in Avalon waters.

A UFO sighting was reported by a family sailing to Catalina Island on June 15, 1982. In the testimony cited in Mutual UFO Network's Witness Reporting Database Case 72642, the witness was sailing with his stepfather and mother to Catalina when around 8 p.m. his mother yelled to look over the port side.

"I looked and saw a huge lighted object moving fast under the water," according to the witness testimony. "... it lasts around 5 minutes just going from one side and then the next in a crisscross pattern. We sailed west moving away from it as it moved east. I never told anyone about this nor do we talk about it."

"The object was 50 feet in a circle and bright as more watts than I have ever seen," the witness said. "... my parents stopped sailing after that summer."

An event such as this is not uncommon, several coastal sightings documented by sailors who have witnessed various UFO ocean crossings in local waters. Reports include a "bluish-silver, cigar-shaped object flying overhead" sighting made by fishermen off the coast of Newport Beach on July 10, 1955.

A Washington family sailing from Newport to Catalina Island also reported a sighting that same day in 1955.

Let these sightings serve as a reminder for sailors to keep alert while making that 26-mile crossing.



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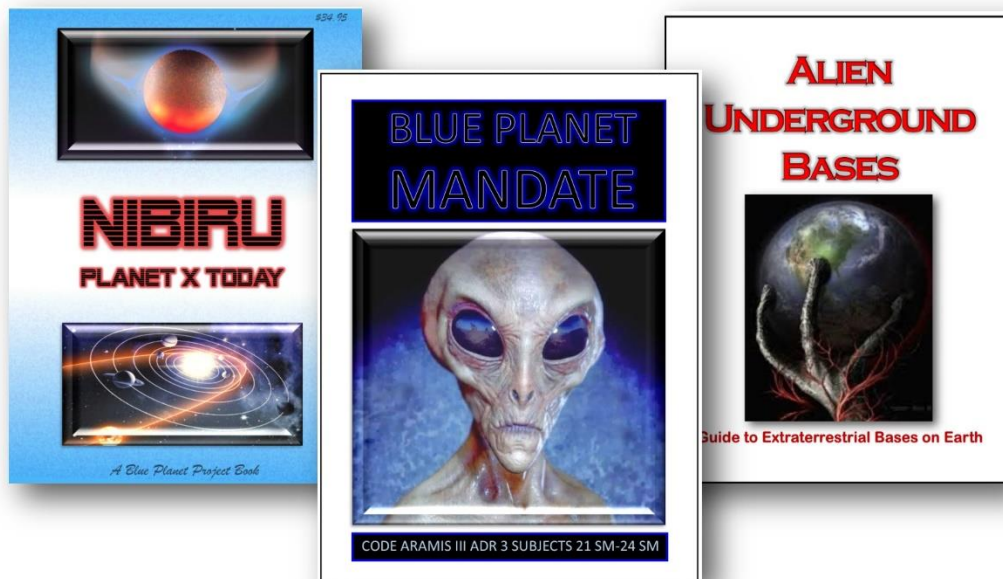
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